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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 26, 1982

"Sounds of Birds" -- Owls

Speaker: Harold Holt - "1981 Photos of Birds and Reptiles"

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DECEMBER 1981 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- Dec. 5, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes (NWDL). Leader: Roland Olderog. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Freda Krolik, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast to clear; 43°-63°F.; wind 0-15 mph). 7 hrs., 39 mi. (31 species, 2048 individ.).
- 6, Sunday. Northeast Colorado - power lines, Jackson Res., Muir Springs, Bijou Creek, So. Platte at Weldona; Orchard (NECO). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Lorraine Chappell, Don and Lee Johnson, Kate Kittleman, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Paul Rechel, Bob Richter, Bob Thayer. (A.M. overcast, P.M. sunny and warm; 35°-50°F.; ponds frozen, Jackson mostly frozen; wind - calm) 10½ hrs.; 215 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (43 species, 7804 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek Precount (LBCP). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Thompson Marsh, Mary Jane Schock. (Cloudy to clear; 35°-45°F.; wind calm). 4½ hrs. (38 species, 676 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. North Turkey Creek Precount (NTCP). Leader: Warren Finch. Observer: Phil Hayes. (Foggy to clear; 32°-40°F.). 20 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. 5 hrs. (18 species, 1 race, 203 individuals).
- 26, Saturday. Wheatridge Greenbelt, Clear Creek, Bear Creek, Henry Lake, Chatfield (WCBC). Observers: Duane Nelson, Bob Spencer. (Partly cloudy, 40°-52°F.; wind calm). 8 hrs. (55 species, 1478 individuals).

DECEMBER AREA HABITAT	5 NWDL Plns	6 NECO Plns	12 LBCP Fthl	12 NTCP Mts	26 WCBC Plns
2 Arctic Loon					1
Western Grebe					8
Pied-billed Grebe	1				11
Double-crested Cormorant					2
Great Blue Heron		3			5
Canada Goose	880	4500	155		470
Greater White-fronted Goose					2
Mallard	206	1500	25		72
Gadwall	5				6
Common Pintail			8		
Green-winged Teal	10	1	18		53
American Wigeon	75		3		8
Northern Shoveler	102				
Redhead	4		12		6
Ring-necked Duck	22		14		12
Canvasback	1				3
Lesser Scaup					2
Common Goldeneye	119	25	1		16
Bufflehead	2		5		6
Ruddy Duck					7
Hooded Merganser	3				4
Common Merganser	2	80			208
Northern Goshawk		lad			
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	1		
Red-tailed Hawk	1		1		11mm
"Western" race		6		2	
Rough-legged Hawk		15			1
Ferruginous Hawk		5			
Buteo species		8			
Golden Eagle		4			
Bald Eagle		2ad			1
		11mm			
Northern Harrier		3			1
Prairie Falcon		6			1
American Kestrel	2	9	2		1
Common Bobwhite		4			
American Coot	36		4		312
Killdeer		1			6
Common Snipe		2			
Glaucous Gull					1
Herring Gull	11mm.				1
Ring-billed Gull	331	45	4		38
Rock Dove	136	50	27		30
Great Horned Owl		4			1
Belted Kingfisher	1	1	5		3
Common Flicker					
"Red-shafted" race	3	7	13		6
Hairy Woodpecker		1			
Downy Woodpecker		3	1	1	
Horned Lark		700			10
Blue Jay	1	4	4		
Steller's Jay				13	
Scrub Jay				1	
Black-billed Magpie	29	32	35	6	22

DECEMBER AREA HABITAT	5 NWDL Plns	6 NECO Plns	12 LBCP Fthl	12 NTCP Mts	26 WCBC Plns
Northern Raven				2	
American Crow	3		6	2	1
Black-capped Chickadee		18	5	6	6
Mountain Chickadee			9	12	
Red-breasted Nuthatch			10	2	
Pygmy Nuthatch				5	
Brown Creeper			4	1	2
North American Dipper			3		3
American Robin		3	14	3	20
Townsend's Solitaire			5	8	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1		2
Cedar Waxwing			6		
Northern Shrike		1			1
European Starling	36	240	93		30
House Sparrow	23	160	51		2
Western Meadowlark	5	35			2
Red-winged Blackbird		63	83		36
House Finch	3	50	18		7
Pine Siskin		35		100	
American Goldfinch		80			1
Red Crossbill				10	
Rufous-sided Towhee			2		
Northern Junco					
"Slate-colored" race		2	6	25	
"Oregon" race	1	55	11	2	1
Gray-headed Junco			4	2	
American Tree Sparrow	4	12			10
White-crowned Sparrow		14			2
Swamp Sparrow					2
Song Sparrow		12	7		12
TOTAL SPECIES - 78	31	43	38	18	55

ABBREVIATIONS: Plns = plains; Fthl = foothills; Mts = mountains;
Ad = adult; Imm = immature; Fe = female; Ma = male.

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER REPORTS:

- Horned Grebe 12/16-19 (4) Big Johnson Res., Colo. Springs (RB); 12-31 (1) Valmont Res., Boulder Co. (DW).
- Eared Grebe 12/16-19 (2) Big Johnson Res., Colo. Springs (RB).
- American White Pelican 12-26 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA).
- Whistling Swan 12/19-20 Cherry Creek Rec. Area (WB).
- Snow Goose 12-23 (2 "white" form) Valmont Rd. at 55th, Boulder (JDW)
- 17 Ross' Goose 12/12-14 (1) Centennial Park, Englewood (RW, BS, DLJ).
- Ring-necked Duck 12-29 (1000+) Valmont Res., Boulder Co. (DW).
- Barrow's Goldeneye 12-13 (1 ma) Lake Dillon, Summit Co. (BR).
- Oldsquaw 12/16-19 (1 fe) Big Johnson Res., Colo. Sprgs. (RB); 12-28 (1 ma) Cherry Cr. Rec. Area (JDW).
- 25 White-winged Scoter 12/18-20 Big Johnson Res., Colo. Sprgs. (RB)
- Red-breasted Merganser 12-31 (4ma, 4fe) Valmont Res., Boulder Co. (DW).
- Red-tailed Hawk 12-8 (1 "Harlan's" race) Chatfield S.P. (DJ).
- Bald Eagle 12/22, 24, 29 (2ad) Chatfield S.P. (ME, DP).
- White-tailed Ptarmigan 12-9 (32) Guanella Pass (DLJ)
- Lesser Yellowlegs 12-27 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (WF) New late record--subject to approval of records committee.
- Pectoral Sandpiper 12-26 (1) Bromley Lane. Extremely rare winter record--subject to approval of records committee. (JR and several others).

Glaucous Gull 12-18 (1 imm.) 64th and Pecos, Adams Co. (RA).
 Red-breasted Nuthatch 12-26 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (RA).
 Northern Mockingbird 12/21-22 (1) Baseline Rd. at 95th, Boulder Co. (DJW).
 American Robin 12-28 (600) Salida to Westcliffe (KK).
 Mountain Bluebird 12-28 (20) Salida (KK)
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 12/5-31 (1 ma) Baseline Rd. at 95th, Boulder CO. (DJW).
 Water Pipit 12-27 (2) Wheatridge Greenbelt (WF).
 Evening Grosbeak 12-9 (2) Wheatridge (PE).
Purple Finch 12-21 (1 fe) Denver (KH, CFH, JL).
 House Finch 12-21 (1 partial albino) Denver (KH). "Bird has a mostly white head--
 right eye red, left eye dark."
 Common Redpoll 12-31 (1 fe) at feeder in Morrison (KL).
Lesser Goldfinch 12-26 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (RA).

CONTRIBUTORS: Robert Andrews (RA), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Margie Elliott (ME), Walter Bull (WB), Richard Bunn (RB), Mary Dexter (MD), Warren Finch (WF), Carol and Fern Hack (CFH), Kathy Hawkins (KH), Don and Lee Johnson (DLJ), Kate Kittleman (KK), Ken LaBorde (KL), Joe Leigh (JL), Jack Reddall (JR), Rob Righter (BR), Bob Spencer (BS), Doug and Judy Ward (DJW), Ruth Wheeler (RW).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in check-list order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

FEBRUARY MEETING: February 23, 1982

"Sounds of Prairie Birds"
 Bill Erwin - Short Slide Subjects

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE LARK BUNTING: Please notify the Treasurer, Robert Righter, 1020 15th Street, Denver, CO 80202 (573-7730)

NOTICE: Be sure to buy your copies of the "Birder's Guide" series at Denver Field Ornithologists' meetings. Forty percent of all sales made to DFO members will be turned over to our treasury.

"Lifers Wanted List": If you are a beginner birdwatcher and would like to know when a particular bird new to your "Life List" is around the Denver area, please send your "wanted list" together with your home address and telephone number to Mildred Snyder at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80011.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED: If you would be interested in leading a Field Trip for DFO please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expense on DFO-sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPOOLING: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed for the month of February, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

NEED FOR BIRD SLIDES: Certain members are asked on occasion to present slide shows on Colorado bird life. If you have slides you are willing to donate for this purpose, please contact: LYNN WILLCOCKSON, 2698 S. Niagara, Denver 80224 (757-7000 evenings).

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Virginia Edens, 3609 So. Joplin, Aurora, Colorado 80013 (693-2631)
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Margaret Wallace, 12882 E. Center, Aurora, CO 80012 (343-4421)

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 1982

- FEB. 6, Saturday. PLUM CREEK-CASTLEWOOD AREA. Leader: Paul Rechel (688-6255). Carpool at 8:00 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center, Hampden & So. Logan. Meet Leader at 8:30 A.M. at Johnson's Corner, Sedalia on U.S. 85.
- 7, Sunday. BOULDER OPEN SPACE. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at 9:00 A.M. at the Postal Station in the parking lot east of King Soopers, Crossroads Shopping Center in Boulder. Lunch optional - $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 13, Saturday. BUFFALO-PINE-SO. PLATTE. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, s.w. of May-D&F, Sheridan and Hampden. *
- 14, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 7:45 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, s.w. of May-D&F, Sheridan and Hampden. *
- 20, Saturday. EVERGREEN AREA. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Meet leader at 8:30 A.M. at the Public Service Co. parking lot, north Evergreen. *
- 21, Sunday. RED ROCKS PARK. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Trading Post in Red Rocks. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 27, Saturday. NORTHEAST COLORADO RAPTOR TRIP. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Voyageur Inn, on Chambers Road, north of I-70. *
- 28, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet leader at the West Gate at 8:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Lunch optional.

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer (279-4682)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
Trip Co-Chairmen

*Bring Lunch

LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT

1981 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Jack Reddall, Compiler

Kathy Hawkins, Co-compiler

Hugh Kingery, Co-compiler

December 19, 1981: 5:45 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Morning: Overcast. Afternoon: Mostly Cloudy. Precipitation: None. Temperature: 20° to 55° F. Wind: Variable, 0-5 MPH. Snow Cover: 0"-8". Fresh Water: Partly Open. Wild Food Crop: Good. One Hundred and fifty-four observers, 114 in 33 parties, 40 at feeders. Total Party-hours: 243.0 (179.5 on foot, 63.5 by car). Total Party-miles: 655 (163 on foot, 492 by car). TOTALS: 111 species (3 additional races) with about 33,304 individuals.

PARTICIPANTS BY AREA (Leaders underlined)

- AREA 1: Red Rocks Park. Winston William Brockner, Sylvia Brockner.
- AREA 2: Lower Bear Creek. Robert Spencer, Irma Appelgren, Roberta Ausphal, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Mary Jane Schock, Edie Trimmer.
- AREA 2A: Bear Creek Reservoir. Philip Hayes, Mark Heifner, Don Mullineaux.
- AREA 3: BowMar. Joe Roller, Peter Gent, Arnold Silverman.
- AREA 4A: Lower South Platte. Ruth Wheeler, John and Joyce Cooper, Freda Krolik, Floyd Pendell, Don and Jo Shrode.
- AREA 4B: Lower South Platte. Bob Rozinski, Bob Griffin, Don Johnson, Doug and Irma Mead, Nicky Pliler, Wendy Shattil.
- AREA 5: Highline Ditch. Dieter Kamm, Mel Gabel, Richard Kamm.
- AREA 6: Plum Creek. Fred Hager, John Bregar.
- AREA 7A: Middle South Platte. Dave Hutchinson, Doug Kibbie, Doug Larson, Dayton Young, James Young.
- AREA 7B: Middle South Platte. Hugh Kingery, Ann Bonnell, Kathy Kelley, Urling Kingery, Barbara Livingston, Peter Paton, Andre Radatus, Allen Stokes, Judy Ward, Fran Waugh.
- AREA 8: Chatfield Reservoir. Jan Justice, Bob Andrews, Kathy Bellhoefer, Arthur and Phine Butler, Kathy Green, Mark Holmgren, Joan Kats, Ken Lane, Jack Reddall, Al and Marsha Wuth, Martha Zoeteway.
- AREA 9: Upper South Platte. Jerome Besser, Blake Besser.
- AREA 10: Lower Deer Creek. Lynn Willcockson, Doris Dugas, Colin Murcraay.
- AREA 11: Upper Dear Creek. Reed Kelley, Kathy Hirst, Pat McClearn, Eileen McGinn.
- AREA 12: Yegge Peak. Drew Grainger, Polly Plaza, Terry Ruiter.
- AREA 13: Doublehead Mountain. Bob Righter, Judy Capra, Regina Dodge, Sandy Urstandorf.
- AREA 14: North Turkey Creek. Warren Finch, Robert German, Dick Schottler, Mort Staatz.
- AREA 15A: Indian Hills. Duane Nelson, David Martin, Carol Nelson.

AREA 15B: Indian Hills South. Bill Prather, Dave Conant, Chris and Mona Hill, Inez Prather, John Prather, Kea Prather, Louise Roloff.

AREA 16: Upper Bear Creek. Dick Pratt, Mollie Graves.

AREA 17: Ken-Caryl Ranch. Kate Kittleman, Berneice Merry.

AREA 18: Garrison Gate. Paul Rechel (no observers).

AREA 19: Morrison-Willow Brook Estates. Kathy Hawkins, Fern Hack, Joe Leigh, Denny Morales, Mildred Snyder.

AREA 20: Willow Creek. Patty Echelmeyer, Pat Beran, Mary Jane Black, Arletha and Bob Slater, Ellie Walker.

AREA 21: Mount Lindo to Willow Springs. Robert Buttery, Marilyn Allison, Cynthia Buttery, Margaret and Megan Elliott.

FEEDERS: Faye Benway, Gay Bishop, Ann Bonnell, Mary Ann Bonnell, Eleanor Buchtel, Julie Derschang, Sarah Duran, J. P. Fairall, Polly Fields, Charles Fink, Bill Freeman, Jerry Grutza, Liz Harrison, Earl Johnson, Alicia Kamm, Dale Leonhart, Barbara Livingston, Kristin Loudon, Karen MacCarter, Dick and Jan Masteller, Marilyn McClintock, E. D. McKee, Grace McKinney, Doris McLaughlin, M. S. M'Gillycuddy, Sylvia Nelson, Roy and Vera Nicodemus, Mary Nigro, Honora Ragsdale, Brynelle Robertson, Leone Rowe, Pat Snider, David Stephenson, L. C. Tobin, Donald Wargo, Helen Waters, Vicki White, Kerstin Williams.

PART ONE

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RRP	2 LBCK	2A BCR	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HLD	6 PCK	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CHSP	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UDC
Common Loon											4			
<u>YELLOW-BILLED LOON*</u>											1			
<u>Arctic Loon#</u>											2			
<u>Horned Grebe</u>											1			
<u>Eared Grebe</u>											6			
Western Grebe											6			
Pied-billed Grebe		1			3	5	3			15	65			
Double-cr. Cormorant						1					3			
Great Blue Heron		7	2	6		3	1		20	4	1			
Canada Goose		2775	63	1650	1268	1600	192	150	90		800			
Snow Goose														
"White" form				4		4								
Mallard	6	193	72	300	107	58		18	49	43	200			
Gadwall		21	2	3	23	36			1		8			
Common Pintail		20		16	2	3			2	15	14			
Green-winged Teal		31		2	13	11		2	6		22			
American Wigeon		79		250	9	17			34	32	90			
Northern Shoveler				16	1				1		13			
Wood Duck				11		10								
Redhead				8	1	20								
Ring-necked Duck		1			45	8				1	7			
Canvasback										1	20			
Lesser Scaup		15		2		5					7			
Common Goldeneye		1		40	3	2			11	7	50			
Bufflehead				5					2		62			
<u>Oldsquaw</u>						1								
Ruddy Duck				1					1		12			
Hooded Merganser		4		19	1	2				1	3			
Common Merganser				300		25			51	25	200			

PART ONE (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RRP	2 LBCK	2A BCR	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HLD	6 PCK	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CHSP	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UDC
Red-br. Merganser				4										
Northern Goshawk	1							1						
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	1	1										
Accipiter sp.													1	
Red-tailed Hawk		1	2	3	1		2	1	5	2	8		1	
"Harlan's" race		2	1			4	1	1			2			
Rough-legged Hawk		1	1						1				1	1
Ferruginous Hawk			1											
Buteo sp.		2					2							
Golden Eagle									1					
Bald Eagle											1ad			
Northern Harrier	1	1	1		1	3	1	2	4	2	5	1	2	
Prairie Falcon	1	1					1		1	1				
Merlin		1							1					
American Kestrel	1	5	4	3	5	3	3		10	6	4	4	1	
Falco sp.											1			
Ring-necked Pheasant								1	1		4		10	
Virginia Rail										8				
American Coot				28	300	2			35		270			
Killdeer		4		1		7		6	17	2	24			
Common Snipe		6		3		1			1	6			1	
Herring Gull									2		5			
Thayer's Gull											1ad			
California Gull				1		4					3			
Ring-billed Gull		101	6	63	36	21			24		150			
Gull sp.					2				15					
Rock Dove	138	77	9	265	225	14	133		75	90				
Mourning Dove			7						1	5	2			
Common Screech Owl											1			
Great Horned Owl		1	2			1	1	2	207	6	2		3	
Long-eared Owl											1		1	
Short-eared Owl										1	1			
Belted Kingfisher		14	5	4	4	9	1	1	18	6	2	1	11	
Common Flicker														
"Red-shafted" race	7	45	7	36	20	15	4	28	81	14	15	3		
Hairy Woodpecker								2	1				1	5
Downy Woodpecker		7	3	2		6	2	7	12	8	1	1	2	2
Horned Lark											13			
Blue Jay		2		5	1	1								
Steller's Jay													6	22
Scrub Jay	6											6	13	
Black-billed Magpie	32	158	37	237	110	55	30	31	647	23	55	3	28	14
Northern Raven							1							
American Crow	1	1						1			1		1	2
Black-cap. Chickadee	4	14	11	5	4	36	9	35	100	54	3	18	4	8
Mountain Chickadee	1	13		1				1			1		2	28
White-br. Nuthatch								2	1					5
Red-br. Nuthatch		6			1									6
Pygmy Nuthatch														4
Brown Creeper	1	4		2	1	1	1	5	1	5	3		2	2
No. American Dipper		1		1					25	2		1		

PART ONE (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RRP	2 LBCK	2A BCR	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HLD	6 PCK	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CHSP	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UDC
Winter Wren									1					
Canyon Wren	2												3	
American Robin	50	32		37	11	30						15	18	
Townsend's Solitaire	9	6		7	2		2			2	1	20	14	3
Golden-cr. Kinglet	1													
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		2				2		3		3		1		
Water Pipit									3		1			
Northern Shrike		1		1		1			2	3	1			
European Starling	9	413	14	462	386	182	82	28	307	35	60	1	15	
House Sparrow		122		48	110		22							
Western Meadowlark						5	2		2		2		12	
Red-winged Blackbird		115		185	50	195		2	315		3			
Rusty Blackbird								8			12			
Brewer's Blackbird									6					
Evening Grosbeak					9									
Purple Finch+							1							
Cassin's Finch														1
House Finch	74	147	17	83	48	51	104	46	771	69	70		8	
Gray-cr. Rosy Finch	48													
Black Rosy Finch	3													
Common Redpoll								1						
Pine Siskin							14		2	2			14	
American Goldfinch		1	30			2	35	40	87	55	21	7	14	
Rufous-sided Towhee	2			1				3			1			
Northern Junco														31
"White-wing" race	2													
"Slate-color" race	2	12	5	15		1	8	5	7	2		4		
"Oregon" race	25	96	16	28	1	74	21	25	60	59		22	6	
"Pink-sided" form							3							
Gray-headed Junco	9	12							7			2	7	13
Am. Tree Sparrow			13			5	22	35	479	68	25		11	
Harris' Sparrow									4	3	1			
White-crown. Sparrow				4	2	19	2	3	13		6	1		
Song Sparrow		14	15	14	1	18	5	41	104	74	50			
TOTAL SPECIES	24	47	25	47	35	48	28	31	43	39	62	17	30	16
RACES	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
FORMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	436	4590	347	4183	2807	2580	711	537	3538	760	2430	111	213	147

PART TWO

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PART TWO (continued)

AREA NUMBER	12	13	14	15A	15B	16	17	18	19	20	21	FEED	FEED	GRAND
LOCATION	YPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	IHL	UBC	KCR	GGT	MWE	WCK	MTL	PLNS	FOOT	TOTAL
Great Blue Heron										17				61
Canada Goose										460		559		9607
Snow Goose														8
"White" form														8
Mallard							1		12	40	1	218		1318
Gadwall														94
Common Pintail														72
Green-winged Teal												4		91
American Wigeon												92		603
Northern Shoveler														31
Wood Duck														21
Redhead														29
Ring-necked Duck														62
Canvasback														21
Lesser Scaup														29
Common Goldeneye														114
Bufflehead														69
Oldsquaw														1
Ruddy Duck														14
Hooded Merganser												1		31
Common Merganser														601
Red.br. Merganser														4
Northern Goshawk											1			3
Sharp-shinned Hawk										1				4
Cooper's Hawk										1		1		2
Accipiter sp.	1						1							3
Red-tailed Hawk		1	1					2			2		2	34
"Harlan's" race										1				12
Rough-legged Hawk			1											6
Ferruginous Hawk										2				3
Buteo sp.										5		2		11
Golden Eagle		1				1	1		2	1				7
Bald Eagle														1ad
Northern Harrier							3			1				28
Prairie Falcon							1		1	1				8
Merlin							1		1			1		5
American Kestrel							7		2	4	1	1		64
Falco sp.														1
Blue Grouse		1	1	1										3
Ring-necked Pheasant														16
Virginia Rail														8
American Coot										1				636
Killdeer														62
Common Snipe														18
Herring Gull														7
Thayer's Gull														1ad
California Gull														8
Ring-billed Gull										16		42		459
Gull sp.														17
Rock Dove			5		20		96		43	125	31	51		1397
Mourning Dove														15
Common Screech Owl														1

PART TWO (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	12 YPK	13 DHM	14 NTC	15A IHL	15B IHL	16 UBC	17 KCR	18 GGT	19 MWE	20 WCK	21 MTL	FEED PLNS	FEED FOOT	GRAND TOTAL
Great Horned Owl								1				2		41
Long-eared Owl														1
Short-eared Owl														2
Belted Kingfisher									3	1	1	2		83
Common Flicker														
"Red-shafted" race			2	3		4	4	3	16	9		24	5	345
Hairy Woodpecker		2	4	3	8			6		1	1		19	53
Downy Woodpecker	2	2	4		2			1	6			2	13	85
Horned Lark														13
Blue Jay												45		54
Steller's Jay	18	27	35	18	50	3		13	5	1	10	3	121	332
Scrub Jay						9	12		16	7	1	14	4	88
Black-billed Magpie	12	1	50	10	31	8	36	9	31	85	12	62	25	1832
Northern Raven	2	2	1		4					2			1	13
American Crow	143	4	13	4	65							1	163	400
Black-cap. Chickadee			4		6	13	20	9	16	9		16	47	445
Mountain Chickadee	33	98	31	44	90	5		25	5		11	3	76	468
White-br. Nuthatch		6	9	3	10			2			1		24	63
Red-br. Nuthatch	1		2	7	7	2			1			2	4	39
Pygmy Nuthatch	8	66	30	54	100			28					48	338
Brown Creeper		10		2	2		3		5		1	1	2	54
No. American Dipper						3			7	1				41
Winter Wren														1
Canyon Wren					1	2								8
Rock Wren											2			2
American Robin			4	2	20	30	1	30	2	4	77	59		422
Townsend's Solitaire	14	6	15	13		13	31	5	7	1	10	3	4	188
Golden-cr. Kinglet						6								7
Ruby-crowned Kinglet														11
Water Pipit														4
Bohemian Waxwing			90		40									130
Cedar Waxwing												78		78
Northern Shrike										1				10
European Starling	3	20	35	7	12	3	475	3	43	240		448	14	3297
House Sparrow					20				49	95		391		857
Western Meadowlark							2							25
Red-winged Blackbird		20			15		150			30		18		1098
Rusty Blackbird														20
Brewer's Blackbird														6
Common Grackle												3		3
Evening Grosbeak		28	105									48	144	334
Purple Finch+														1
Cassin's Finch	8		1		40	2		4					14	70
House Finch		13		12	50	11	2		59	4		253	5	1897
Gray-cr. Rosy Finch														48
Black Rosy Finch														3
Common Redpoll														1
Pine Siskin	70	30	105		6		250	2			72	8	192	767
American Goldfinch					30		50		2					374
Lesser Goldfinch									1					1
Red Crossbill		30	9	65	32								30	166
Rufous-sided Towhee				1			2	4				1	5	20

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Northern Junco						15								46
"White-wing" race	1	3	2	14					2				3	27
"Slate-color" race	2		1		44		1	4	4			33	48	198
"Oregon" race	4	1	10	2	20		55	30	128	2	20	55	56	816
Gray-headed Junco	1	90	90	19	48	3		40	32		11	41	88	514
Junco sp.		50	14						7	7				78
Am. Tree Sparrow							20					65		743
Harris' Sparrow														8
White-crown. Sparrow														50
Song Sparrow							1		3	4				344
TOTAL SPECIES	15	22	26	20	26	17	25	19	27	32	19	38	25	111
RACES	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	3
FORMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	324	462	710	304	773	127	1226	221	511	1180	266	2653	1157	33304

*New State Record and new to the Count

#New to the Count

+Details provided were inconclusive

All rare and unusual species reported were fairly well documented as required by Christmas Count officials at National Audubon. For those who are interested, a brief synopsis of the Yellow-billed Loon is included with this summary. So far as is known, this represents only the second inland record for this species in the contiguous "48" states; the other coming from Nevada a number of years ago.

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REDDALL, J. W.
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December 19

YELLOW-BILLED LOON - *Gavia adamsii*

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A very pale loon, significantly paler than Common Loon, due to much of the upper parts and head and neck being brownish-gray rather than blackish-gray as in Common Loon. Held head constantly at 10°-15° from the horizontal unlike Common Loon. Field Guides on this species in winter are absolutely useless-particularly in depicting the sharply upturned lower bill. The loon observed at Chatfield Reservoir did not have a sharply upturned lower mandible which evidently it attains with age. Key field marks observed were: 1) Suffused auricular spot; 2) A very thick neck (conspicuously thicker than Common Loon); 3) Very high forehead rounding at the occiput (not "double-crowned" as in Common Loon); Upper mandible straight, not decurved

the entire length as in Common Loon; 4) Culmen dark only half way to tip (dark all the way in Common Loon); 5) "white-faced"

Upper mandible straight, slight decurvature at tip

Very high forehead

Suffused auricular spot

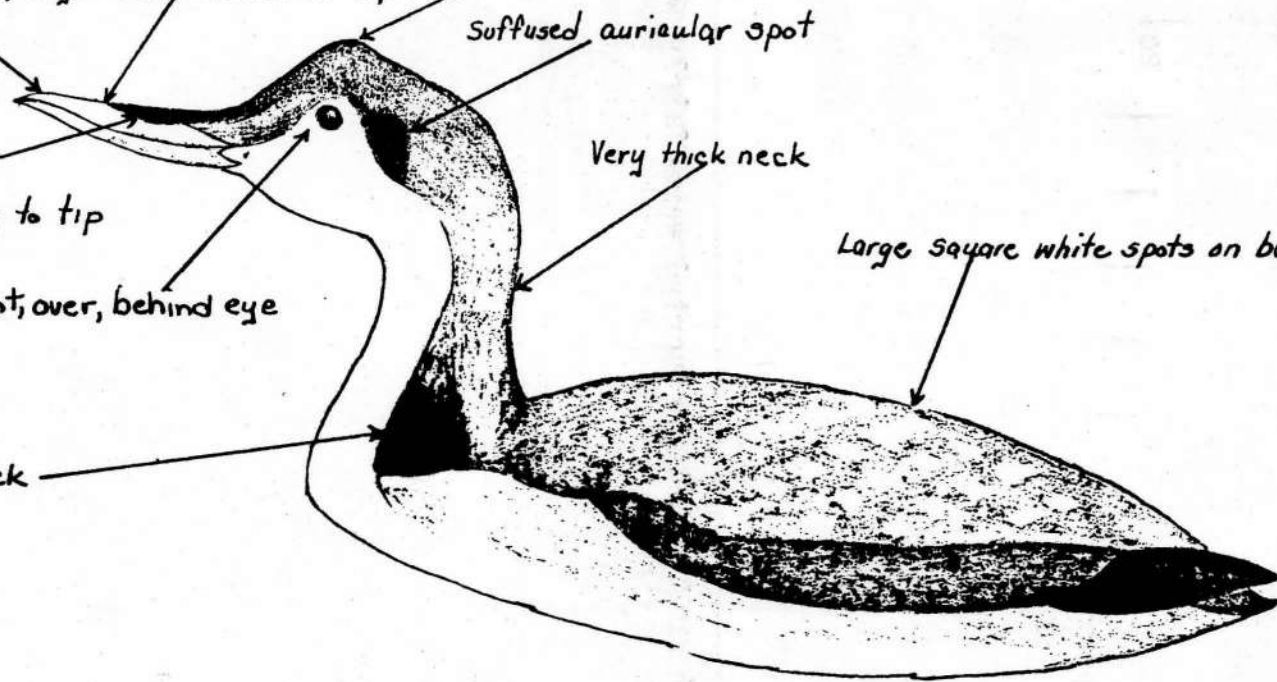
Very thick neck

Large square white spots on back

Culmen dark only halfway to tip

"White faced" white in front, over, behind eye

Dark areas at base of neck



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NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 23, 1982

Bill Erwin - "Sights and Sounds of the Short-Grass Prairie"
(Photos of Pawnee--birds, mammals and landscape)

Bird prints by Erwin on display at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. (for sale)

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JANUARY 1982 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- Jan. 2, Saturday. South Platte River-Urban (SPR). Leader: Lyle Jordan. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Lynn Grabely, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Judy Kaslow, Freda Krolik, Bob Spencer and Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy, mild wind, 22°-26°F.) 4 hours, 12 miles (26 species, 371 individuals).
- 3, Sunday. Denver City Park, Washington Park, Windsor Lake (DWL). Leaders: Don and Jo Shrode. Observer: Vivian Pfler. (Cold and clear, wind - 5 to 20 mph, 20°-32°F). 4 hours; 10 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot (22 species, 1456 ind.)
- 9, Saturday. Barr Lake and area roads (BARR). "Most effort devoted to hawks which accounts for low landbird count." Leader: Robert Andrews. Observers: Virginia Edens, Warren Finch, John Hardister, Mark Holmgren, Kate Kittleman, Bob Spencer, Judy Ward. (Mostly clear, wind mostly calm, 30°-40°F). 8 hours, 54 miles. (46 species, 27,129 individuals).
- 10, Sunday. Idledale Area (IDL). Leader: Bill Prather. Observers: John and Inez Prather. (Overcast, wind 0-20 mph, 10°-15°F). 4 hrs., 16 miles. (20 species, 297 individuals).
- 16, Saturday. Chatfield State Park and So. Platte Greenway (CHSP). Leader: Jan Justice. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Robert Proniewych (Uniondale, N.Y.), Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny to partly overcast, wind calm, 7°-20°F.; lake frozen over). 31 mi. by car, 2 on foot. (37 species, 1166 individuals).

- Jan. 17, Sunday. Valmont Reservoir (VALR). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Dan Leister, Herman and Jean Kretchmer, Doug and Judy Ward. (Clear; gusting winds, 0 to 50 mph; 50° to 55° F). 3½ hrs. (25 species, 5824 individuals).
- 23, Saturday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison Picnic Grounds (RRP). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Warren Finch; Alicia, Karl and Richard Kamm; Albert and Cyrus Koewing, Freda Krolik, Duane Nelson, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast, 25° F., no wind). 3½ hrs., 1½ mi. on foot. (22 species, 110 ind.)
- 24, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leaders: Helen Singer and June Williamson. Observers: Dorothy Keller, Jean and Herman Kretchmer and Dick Schottler. (Overcast to clear, 44° to 60° F., wind calm). 3½ hours. (23 species, 274 individuals).
- 30, Saturday. Wheatridge Greenbelt, ponds off I-70 and Ward Rd., Coors Pond, Maplegrove Res. (WHGB). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Dick Burr, Jean Cox, Warren Finch, Don and Lee Johnson, Freda Krolik, Ken LaBorde, Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler, Dan Schwartzberg, Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Vick Zerbi (Glenwood Springs-CFO). (Clear, 12° to 45° F.) (43 species, 1155 individuals).
- 31, Sunday. Bear Creek Park, Henry's Lake, ponds in SW Lakewood, Bear Creek Res., Overland Park (BCR). Leader: Merwin Terry. Observers: Irma Applegren and Dick Pratt. (Cloudy, 28° to 40° F., wind 5-10 mph). 40 mi. by car, 3 on foot; 4 hours. (26 species, 553 individuals).

JANUARY AREA HABITAT	2 SPR Plns	3 DWL Plns	9 BARR Plns	10 IDL Mts	16 CHSP Plns	17 VALR Plns	23 RRP Fthl	24 CCRA Plns	30 WHGB Plns	31 BCR Plns
Western Grebe						6				
Pied-billed Grebe	1					5			1	
American White Pelican			1							
Great Blue Heron	2				2	4				
Black-crowned Night Heron					3					2
Canada Goose	80	579	10000		480	2000		3	250	314
Mallard	50	255	15000		250	2500		37	170	45
Gadwall	18		2		25	15			15	15
Common Pintail			10			7				2
Green-winged Teal	16		2		50				6	
American Wigeon	40	100							33	24
Northern Shoveler	14		3		2	5				
Wood Duck		2								
Redhead		1				20			37	
Ring-necked Duck						75			62	15
Canvasback			6						1	
Lesser Scaup	2								11	
Aythya species			50							
Common Goldeneye	30	42	30		15	3			16	18
Bufflehead					5					7
Ruddy Duck									2	
Hooded Merganser	4				5	2m, 1f			2	13
Common Merganser	11	7	200		10	125		46	34	1
Red-breasted Merganser						2m			2	
Sharp-shinned Hawk									2	
Red-tailed Hawk	2		2		2				1	
"Western" race		1								
Rough-legged Hawk			18		6					2
Ferruginous Hawk			8							
Golden Eagle			1				2			
Bald Eagle			1		1					

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JANUARY AREA HABITAT	2 SPR Plns	3 DWLW Plns	9 BARR Plns	10 IDL Mts	16 CHSP Plns	17 VALR Plns	23 RRP Fthl	24 CCRA Plns	30 WHGB Plns	31 BCR Plns
Northern Harrier			9		4			3		
Prairie Falcon			3							
American Kestrel	1		4					1	2	
Ring-necked Pheasant			32		20			3		
Virginia Rail									1	
American Coot	7	6				3			37	
Killdeer	3		3		2					
Common Snipe					1				3	1
Glaucous Gull						21				
Herring Gull	4		5		3	35			1	
California Gull						1a				
Ring-billed Gull	42	266	1		15	1000		6	17	
Gull species			3							
Rock Dove	10	81	30		20	2	2		90	6
Mourning Dove									5	
Great Horned Owl			2					2		
Belted Kingfisher	2				2		1		4	2
Common Flicker	2		3	2			5	4	6	
"Red-shafted" race		13			6	1				12
Hairy Woodpecker			1							
Downy Woodpecker			5	1	1			2		1
Horned Lark			270		25					
Steller's Jay				20			3			
Scrub Jay				2			9			
Black-billed Magpie A	13	25	27	10	60	5	28	16	45	14
Northern Raven				1	1					
American Crow	1	7					2			
Black-capped Chickadee		1	22		4		3	2	13	11
Mountain Chickadee				15			1			
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1	6						
Pygmy Nuthatch				40						
Brown Creeper			3	1					3	2
North American Dipper				1						
Canyon Wren							2			
American Robin				4			1			
Townsend's Solitaire				8			4	9	1	
Golden-crowned Kinglet		3					5			1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet									1	
Northern Shrike			1		2					
European Starling	9	12	310		25		2	6	35	17
Yellow-rumped Warbler										4
House Sparrow		10	95	10					30	2
Western Meadowlark			42					1		
Red-winged Blackbird	6		600		2				160	
Rusty Blackbird								6		
Brewer's Blackbird			42							
Cassin's Finch				20						
House Finch	1	3	120	30	5	1	6	12	15	20
Pine Siskin			60	6				12		
American Goldfinch			5		10			70	10	
Red Crossbill				30						
Rufous-sided Towhee							2	1	2	

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Northern Junco				22	1			29	8	
"White-winged" race				2						
"Slate-colored" race		4	4	6			1			
"Oregon" race		3	40	30			17		12	
Gray-headed Junco				30			12			
American Tree Sparrow			25		80	3	1	1	6	
White-crowned Sparrow		15	15		1				1	
White-throated Sparrow			3							
Swamp Sparrow									1	
Song Sparrow			9		20	1	1	2	11	2
TOTAL SPECIES - 86	26	22	46	20	37	25	22	23	43	26

ABBREVIATIONS: Plains=plns; foothills=fthl; mountains=mts; a, ad=adult; i, imm=immature; f, fe=female; m, ma=males.

ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1982 REPORTS:

Black-crowned Night Heron 1-10 (1 ad) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DS), 1-10 (1 ad) So. Platte Greenway, Denver (KH).
 Snow Goose 1-13 (2 "white form") Pawnee Power Plant, Brush (DM).
 Ross' Goose 1-2 (1) McClellan Res., Denver (JJC) No details.
 Red-breasted Merganser 1-2 (13) Wheatridge (PE); 1-17 (2 ma) Maplegrove Res. (PE, DN, BS).
 Cooper's Hawk 1-7 (1 imm) Baseline Rd. at 95th, Boulder Co. (DJW).
 Bald Eagle 1-10 (1 ad) Union Res., Longmont (DM)
 Greater Yellowlegs 1-2, 5 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (PE) (WF, BS). "... observed closely, heard call notes."
 Glaucous Gull 1-10 (1 2nd yr.) Denver City Park (KH), 1-14 (1 2nd yr.) Lake Sangraco, Jefferson Co. (JJC), 1-28 (1 2nd yr.) Cherry Creek Rec. Area (BS).
 Thayer's Gull 1-10, 14 (1 ad.) So. Platte River, Denver (KH) (BS).
 California Gull 1-1 (1 ad.) Sloan's Lake (RA).
 GREATER BLACK-BACKED GULL 1-28 (1 imm) Cherry Creek Rec. Area (BS). Seen earlier in week (JR). No details submitted.
 Blue Jay 1-24 (1) So. Lincoln St., Denver (RG).
 Marsh Wren 1-1 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (BS).
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1/1-31 (1 ma) Baseline Rd. at 95th, Boulder Co. (DJW), 1-9, 10 (1) Wheatridge (PE), 1-10 (1) City of Boulder (DJW); 1-1, 3, 4, 13, 18, 26 (1 ma) 1041 Field St., Lakewood (JJC).
 Bohemian Waxwing 1-16 (200) Denver (MJS), 1/18-22 (230+) 7600 block, St. Vine, Littleton (AK), 1-23 (175) Baseline Rd. at 95th, Boulder Co. (DJW).
 Cedar Waxwing 1-6 (2) Denver (MJS).
 Gray-crowned Rosy Finch (1 "Hepburn's" race) Red Rocks Park (BS).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

- Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.

2. Individual reports must be in check-list order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.
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MARCH MEETING: March 23, 1982

Sounds of Birds - Sparrows, Crossbills, Towhees
Ross Johnson - Recording Bird Songs

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FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED: If you would be interested in leading a Field Trip for DFO please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

NEED FOR BIRD SLIDES: Certain members are asked on occasion to present slide shows on Colorado bird life. If you have slides you are willing to donate for this purpose, please contact: LYNN WILLCOCKSON, 2698 S. Niagara, Denver 80224 (757-7000 evenings).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 1982

- MARCH 6, Saturday. IDLEDALE & VICINITY. Leader: Bill Prather (697-9535). Meet at 8:00 A.M. in parking lot in front of Woolco on Jewel west of Wadsworth.*
- 7, Sunday. SOUTH PLATTE URBAN AREA. Leader: Lyle Jordan (794-1800). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at King Soopers Store on Federal near Bellevue. 1/2 day.
- 13, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Hampden and Sheridan (southwest of May-D&F). *
- 14, Sunday. RED ROCKS - MORRISON PARKS. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Trading Post in Red Rocks. 1/2 day.
- 20, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Merwin Terry (237-8692). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. *
- 21, Sunday. WHEATRIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Duane Nelson. (420-9770). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Prospect, Park, on 44th Ave. west of Kipling. *

MARCH 27, Saturday. LOWER DEAR CREEK, WATERTON, McCLELLAN AND HIGHLINE DITCH.
Leader: Bobby Ausfahl (798-0552). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Hamden and Sheridan (southwest of May-D&F). *

28, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the West Gate to Cherry Creek Park. $\frac{1}{2}$ day, lunch optional.

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NEXT MEETING: March 23, 1982

(Note program change)

Bob Rozinski - Bird calls at slow speed.
Don Johnson - The Bald Eagle's 200th Anniversary--a tape
The Youngsters Found on Colorado Trails--a slide show

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FEBRUARY 1982 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- Feb. 6, Saturday. Sedalia, West Plum Creek, Castlewood Canyon (PLUM). Observer: Paul Rechel. (Cold, clear; 3° - 16° F.; wind calm). (28 species, 279 individuals). (Species/habitat not designated).
- 7, Sunday. Boulder Open Space: So. Boulder Creek, Valmont Reservoir, Saw Hill Ponds; Gregory Canyon-Chataqua Park (BOLD). Leaders: Doug and Judy Ward. Observers: John and Lydia Dubendorff. (Cold, clear; 15° - 25° F.; Wind, 7-5 mph). 17 mi. by car, 3 on foot; 4½ hrs. (43 species, 4842+ individuals).
- 13, Saturday. Reynolds Park, Platte Canyon, Buffalo Creek (RPPB). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Jeff Browman, Julia Demond, Virginia Eden, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Don and Lee Johnson, Freda Krolik, Duane Nelson, Vivian Piller, Bill Prather, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrode and Ruth Wheeler. (Clear, 50° to 60° F.; wind calm). (22 species, 204 individuals).
- 14, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Jean and Herman Kretschmer, Paul Rechel and Dick Schottler. (Mostly clear, wind, 5-30 mph; 46° to 64° F.; lake mostly frozen). 5½ hours, 20 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. (30 species, 752 individuals).

- Feb. 20, Saturday. Evergreen (EVER). Leader: Bill Brockner. Observers: Jerald Alliger, John Bregar, Margaret Brockmeyer, Ethel Humphries, Jack Humphries, Don and Lee Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Susie Kimball, Freda Krolik, Jo and Don Shrode, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear, 31° to 64°F). (21 species, 201 individuals).
- 21, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison Picnic Ground (RRP). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Irma Appelgren; Alicia, Karl and Richard Kamm, Ken Lane. (Sunny; 60° to 75°F; no wind). 5 hrs., 1½ mi. on foot. (20 species, 142 individuals).
- 27, Saturday. Denver, Colorado to Rocky Mt. Arsenal, Barr Lake S.P., Bromley Lane to Prospect Reservoir; Roggen, Orchard, Jackson Res.; Bijou Creek, Muir Springs Park; Weldona; Morgan Co. Roads U, 2, B; Weld Co. Rd. 4, Bennett. (NECO). Leaders: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Bev Engstrom, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Polly Fields, Warren Finch, Kathy Hawkins, Hazel Kellogg, Herman Kretchmer, Freda Krolik, Kenny, David and Kathy Lane; Joe Leigh, Duane Nelson, Roland Olderog, Bill Prather, Bob Righter, Mary Jane Schock, Dan Schwartzberg, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Doug and Judy Ward, Ruth Wheeler, Al and Marsha Wuth. (Clear in A.M., partly cloudy in P.M.; wind variable, 10-20 mph; 25° to 60°F). 10½ hrs.; 221 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (61 species, 39031+ individuals).
- 28, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCRA). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: William Brockner, Jack Humphries, Judy Karlow, Joe Leigh, Jack Reddall, Bob Righter, Dick Schottler. (Clear; reservoir completely ice-free; wind, 0-10 NW; 70° to 50°F). 2 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 4 hrs. (31 species, 1143 individuals).

FEBRUARY AREA HABITAT	6 PLUM Pl/Ft	7 BOLD Pl/Ft	13 RPPB Fthl	14 CHAT Plns	20 EVER Mts	21 RRP Fthl	27 NECO Plns	28 CCRA Plns
Horned Grebe							1	8
Pied-billed Grebe		4						
American White Pelican							1	
Great Blue Heron		6		1			2	
Canada Goose	3500			300		5	13000	30
Mallard	300+			65			20800	140
Gadwall							3	20
Common Pintail		2					750	40
Green-winged Teal				9				6
Cinnamon Teal							1m	
American Wigeon				1			12	30
Northern Shoveler							100	
Redhead		8					320	600
Ring-necked Duck		40					100	
Canvasback		1					15	
Lesser Scaup							50	
Common Goldeneye		1		15			30	
Bufflehead							10	
Ruddy Duck							4	
Hooded Merganser		1m						
Common Merganser		10		75			1500	3
Red-breasted Merganser		2m						
Duck species		500						
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1				2a	
Cooper's Hawk								1

FEBRUARY AREA HABITAT	6 PLUM Pl/Ft	7 BOLD Pl/Ft	13 RPPB Fthl	14 CHAT Plns	20 EVER Mts	21 RRP Fth	27 NECO Plns	28 CCRA Plns
Red-tailed Hawk			2					
"Western" race		4		1			3	
"Harlan's" race							1	
Rough-legged Hawk	1				1		8	
Ferruginous Hawk							2a	
Golden Eagle			1			2	6	
Bald Eagle							13	
Northern Harrier				1			9	4f, 2m
Merlin							2	
American Kestrel		3		2			2	1
Ring-necked Pheasant				3			25	16
Virginia Rail							1	
American Coot		1						
Killdeer				1			2	
Common Snipe							1	
Glaucous Gull								1
Herring Gull				2			250	6
Thayer's Gull							1imm	
Ring-billed Gull				50			500	25
Gull species		50						
Rock Dove		16			14	31	30	
Great Horned Owl				1			2	
Belted Kingfisher		1		1				
Common Flicker	1	4(h)				1		
"Red-shafted" race		2	1	1	1		8	8
Hairy Woodpecker			1		1		1	
Downy Woodpecker							4	1(h)
Eastern races		2		1				
Horned Lark	27	3		4			250	12
Blue Jay	1	1					2	
Steller's Jay			11	13	1			
Scrub Jay	3					2		
Black-billed Magpie	12	22	2	13	42	1	27	26
Northern Raven	4		1	7		4	1	
American Crow	2			5	10		2	2
Black-capped Chickadee	30	14	4	2		7	8	10
Mountain Chickadee	10		27	24				
White-breasted Nuthatch	3		1	2		1		
Red-breasted Nuthatch			6					
Pgymy Nuthatch	22		8	46	16			
Brown Creeper	1	1	2			1		
North American Dipper				10	1	2		
Marsh Wren							1	
Canyon Wren						7		
American Robin	100	2	2	8	10	20	75	18
Townsend's Solitaire	2			17		2	1	
Bohemian Waxwing	25					40		
Northern Shrike		1		2	4		1a	
European Starling	12	65	1	50	4	3	200	30
House Sparrow	6	24		5		6	100	
Western Meadowlark				5			90	17
Red-winged Blackbird	25			2	50	11	500	30
Rusty Blackbird							5	
Brewer's Blackbird							50	

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House Finch	4	21			4	5	15	3
Pine Siskin	22		2		6		25	
American Goldfinch	16	1					5	35
Red Crossbill		8			48			
Rufous-sided Towhee						1		
Northern Junco		1						
"White-winged" race	6	1						
"Slate-colored" race	14	2	3		1	1	1	2
"Oregon" race	26	44	21		1	10	21	2
Gray-headed Junco	2	7	15		6	10		
American Tree Sparrow		45		43			35	4
White-crowned Sparrow		25		3			35	
Song Sparrow	1	30		5			10	10
TOTAL SPECIES - 85	28	43	22	30	21	20	61	31

ABBREVIATIONS: Plains=plns; foothills=fthl, fth;
mountains=mts; a, ad=adult; i, imm =
immature; f, fe=female; m, ma=male;
(h)=heard only.

ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY 1982 REPORTS:

Horned Grebe 2-13 (1) Valmont Res., Boulder (JR, DR, KH, JL); 2-21 (8) Chatfield (JR).
Western Grebe 2-13 (6) Valmont Res., Boulder (JR, DR, KH, JL).
American White Pelican 2-13 (1) and 2-21 (1) Barr Lake S.P. "Has been present all winter." (JR) This is probably the same bird reported last month. According to park personnel, it is injured and unable to fly (HH).
Black-crowned Night Heron 2-7 (6 ad, 5 imm) So. Platte River at Jewell, Denver (KH).
Snow Goose ("white form") 2-14 (3) "in flight overhead with vast lines of Canada Geese at intersection of Morgan Co. Rds. 3 and M (JR, KH).
Cinnamon Teal 2-16 (1 ma) Chatfield S.P. (DM, PE).
Redhead 2-21 (1 "albino form") Wheatridge Greenbelt gravel pits east of Youngfield: "Head white, grayish cap, blue bill w/ black tip; body brownish gray...; primaries white at tip; rump white; shape of Redhead." (WF).
Ruddy Duck 2-7 (1) So. Platte River at Alameda, Denver (KH).
Hooded Merganser 2-7 (7m, 5f) So. Platte River at Evans, Denver (KH).
Red-breasted Merganser 2-13 (11) Valmont Res., Boulder (JR, DR, KH, JL); 2-14 (1 ma) Sloan's Lake (BP); 2-15 (1 ma) Cherry Creek Res. (JR); 2-21 (1 ma, 1 fe) Chatfield S.P. (BP).
Northern Goshawk 2-15 (1 ad) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (JR).
Cooper's Hawk 2-21 (1) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (PR).
Bald Eagle 2-17 (1 ad) 95th and Baseline Rd., Boulder Co. (DJW).
Virginia Rail 2-6 (1) Co. Rd. 12 at Colo. Hwy. 144, Morgan Co. (JR); 2-14 (1) Co. Rd. 12 at Colo. Hwy. 144, Morgan Co. (JR, KH).
Sora 2-6 (1) Co. Rd. 12 at Colo. Hwy. 144, Morgan Co. (JR); 2-14 (1) Co. Rd. 12 at Colo. Hwy. 144, Morgan Co. (JR, KH).
Glaucous Gull 2-2 (1-2nd yr.) Centennial Park (S. Federal at Union) (BP); 2-13 (1-2nd yr.) Cherry Creek Res. (KH, JL, JR).
GREATER BLACK-BACKED GULL 2-13 (1 imm) Cherry Creek Res. (JR, DR, KH, JL). Only second state record; seen earlier at same location on 1-25, 1-26, 1-27 (JR).
Thayer's Gull 2-6 (1 ad) S. Platte River at Dartmouth (BP); 2-6 (1 imm) Prewitt Res., Washington Co. (JR); 2-13 (1 imm) Horseshoe Lake, Loveland (JR, DR, KH, JL).
Franklin's Gull 2-15 (1 ad., breeding plumage) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).

Common Screech Owl 2/15-16 (1) Seen by Mr. and Mrs. William Hendrix in back yard at 3090 Cole Ave., Golden, until dusk. Found dead next day at 3:00 P.m. Collected by (WF) for Museum.

Saw-whet Owl 2-25 (1, heard only) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (JR, KH, CH).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2-28 (1 ma) 1041 Field St., Lakewood (JJC).

Gray Catbird 2-6 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR).

Mountain Bluebird 2-13 (5) Chatfield S.P. (WF).

Golden-crowned Kinglet 2-21 (5) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (JR).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2/5, 10, 12, 13 (1 ma) 9224 Baseline Rd., Boulder Co. (DJW).

Bohemian Waxwing 2-13 (200+) 7772 S. Race St., Littleton (AK).

Cedar Waxwing 2-25 (1) Aurora (JR).

Harris' Sparrow 2-14 (1 ad) marsh at So. Platte River and Hwy 144, Morgan Co. (JR, KH);
2-16 (1) Chatfield S.P. (PE).

White-throated Sparrow 2-14 (2 ad) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR, KH).

Swamp Sparrow 2-14 (1 imm) Co. Rd. 12 at Colo. Hwy. 144, Morgan Co. (JR, KH).

Lapland Longspur 2-6 (40) Logan Co. Rds. 63 and 68 (JR).

ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1982 REPORTS:

White-winged Scoter 1-1 (1) McClellan Res., Littleton (KH).

Golden-crowned Kinglet 1-31 (2) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (PR).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

APRIL MEETING -- April 27, 1982

Sounds of Birds -- Spring Warblers

Carse Pustmueller--Vocalization of Steller's Jays and Hybrids

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CARPOOLING and TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expense on DFO-sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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House: Representative John B. Breaux, Chairman
Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Senate: Honorable John H. Chafee, Chairman
Subcommittee on Environmental Pollution
5229 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

There are no Colorado senators or representatives on either committee. However, DFO members could write their representatives and urge them to contact colleagues on the above committees.

REMINDER TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Please designate life zone covered; when more than one zone is covered, indicate individual totals of species and numbers for observations in each zone.
2. Be sure to include in your report: weather conditions, time in the field and miles covered.
3. When possible, include observations of recognizable "forms" or subspecies with your summary.

A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies found in Colorado is as follows:

SNOW GOOSE	SOLITARY VIREO
"White" form	"Blue-headed" race
"Blue" form	"Plumbeous" race
RED-TAILED HAWK	YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER
"Western" race	"Myrtle" race
"Harlan's" race	"Audubon's" race
"Krider's" race	NORTHERN ORIOLE
MERLIN	"Baltimore" race
"Bendire's" race	"Bullock's" race
"Richardson's" race	GRAY-CROWNED ROSY FINCH
COMMON FLICKER	"Hepburn's" race
"Yellow-shafted" race	"Gray-crowned" race
"Red-shafted" race	RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER	"Spotted" races
"Yellow-bellied" race	eastern races
"Red-naped" race	NORTHERN JUNCO
HAIRY WOODPECKER	"White-winged" race
"Rocky Mountain" race	"Slate-colored" race
eastern races	"Oregon" race
DOWNY WOODPECKER	WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW
"Batchelder's" race	"White-crowned" race
eastern races	"Gambel's" race

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 1982

- April 3, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Bob Rozinski (623-7430). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History, North Lot at 7:00 A.M. *
- 4, Sunday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet the leader in Boulder at the postal station in the lot east of King Soopers, Crossroads Shopping Center at 8:30 A.M. Form your own carpool at Wheatridge Methodist Church, south lot behind church at 7:45 A.M. *
- 10, Saturday. RED ROCKS, MORRISON and FOOTHILLS. Leader: Jerome Besser. (985-4816). Meet at the Safeway Store in Green Mountain Shopping Center--two lights past Union on Alameda Pkwy. Meet at 8:00 A.M.
- 11, Sunday. EASTER. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 17, Saturday. LOWER BEAR CREEK. Leader: Merwin Terry. (237-8642). Meet at the Bear Valley Shopping Center, Hampden and Sheridan, southwest of May D-F, at 7:00 A.M. *

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April 18, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579).
Meet at the Park-n-Ride, southwest corner of Hampden and Wadsworth,
at 7:00 A.M. *

24, SHARP-TAILED GROUSE OBSERVING. Leaders will be provided by the Colorado
Division of Wildlife. Co-ordinator: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at
4:00 A.M. in front of Daylite Doughnut Shoppe west of shopping center,
west of north exit at Castle Rock. Trip will end about 10:00 A.M.
Bring warm clothes and snack.

25, Sunday. WATERTON-NORTH ALONG SO. PLATTE. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161).
This is a walking trip for early migrating passerines. Meet at the Park-n-
Ride, southwest corner Hampden and Wadsworth at 6:00 A.M. Daylight Savings
Time. *

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer (279-4682)
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: April 27, 1982

Sounds of Birds -- Spring Warblers
CARSE PUSTMUELLER -- VOCALIZATION OF STELLER'S JAYS AND HYBRIDS

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MARCH 1982 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- Mar. 6, Saturday. Idledale Area (IDL). Leader: Bill Prather. Observers: Duane Nelson, Dick Pautsch and Vito Tursi. (Clear to mostly cloudy; wind, 0-20 mph; 26° to 35° F.) 5 hours; 28 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (23 species, 358 individuals).
- 7, Sunday. South Platte River-Urban (SPR). Leader: Lyle Jordan. Observers: Kathy Been and sons, Ruby Ebright, Annette Fineststein, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Thayer. (Clear; wind calm; 29° to 49° F.) 4 hours; 12 mi. (25 species, 333 individuals).
- 13, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Henry and Vi Bossman, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Barbara and Jeff Browman, Dick Burr, Jean Cox; Bob, Helen and Margaret Geick; Yvonne Gibbons, Mark Haddix, Judy Hall, Bill and Jewell Henrichs, Ethel and Jack Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Kate Kittleman, Freda Krolik, Harold and Betty Oliver, Dick Pratt, Don and Jo Shrode, Steven Stein, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind - light; 35° to 59° F.). 6 hours; 20 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (38 species, 737 individuals).
- 14, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. No participants - trip cancelled.
- 20, Saturday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake State Park, Mile Hi Duck Club (BARR). Leader: Merwin Terry. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Fay Kindig, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi and Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy; wind 15-20 mph; 35° to 45° F.). 9 hrs., 65 mi. (40 species, 825 individuals).

- Mar. 21, Sunday. Wheatridge Greenbelt, Coors Pond, Mt. Olivet Cemetery (WRGB). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Virginia Edens, Bill Prather, Dick Pautsch, Jack Reddall, Nancy Zavitz. (Clear; mostly calm; 17° to 45° F.). 5 hrs. (45 species, 875 ind.).
- 27, Saturday. Dear Creek Canyon and McClellan Reservoir (DDMC). Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Mary Dexter, Therese Gregory, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Dick Pautsch, Vito Tursi and Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast; 40° to 58° F.; light wind). 7 hrs.; 33 mi. by car, 5 mi. on foot. (44 species, 229 individuals).
- 28, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Frances Campbell, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Freda Krolik, Ken Lane, Thompson Marsh and Cathy Wren. (Mostly sunny, 41° to 63° F.) 5 hrs.; 6 mi. by car, 1½ mi. on foot. (26 species, 196 individuals).

MARCH AREA HABITAT	6 IDL Mts	7 SPR Pln	13 CHAT Plns	20 BARR Plns	21 WRGB Plns	27 DDMC Pln/Ft	28 CCRA Plns
Horned Grebe			3	1	7	1	
Pied-billed Grebe					1		
Double-crested Cormorant				3			
Great Blue Heron		1	28	2		2	
Canada Goose		26	55	50	17	14	27
Mallard		36	28	110	20	9	24
Gadwall		28	4	6	34	6	8
Common Pintail			4	24		2	
Green-winged Teal		16	30	17	15	3	3
Cinnamon Teal			1	8	1		
American Wigeon		36		2		6	8
Northern Shoveler		14	9	190		2	
Redhead		5	80	120	320	9	22
Ring-necked Duck				1	12		
Lesser Scaup			30	50	30	1	3
Common Goldeneye		6	1		14	1	
Bufflehead			6		6		
Ruddy Duck			4				2
Common Merganser			200	1	11	4	
Cooper's Hawk					1		
Red-tailed Hawk			6		1	1	1 imm
"Western" race				3			
Rough-legged Hawk			1	1			
Golden Eagle						1	
Bald Eagle						1	
Northern Harrier			1	7		1	5
Merlin						2	
American Kestrel		1	2	2		1	1
Ring-necked Pheasant					1		2
Virginia Rail					1(h)		
American Coot		11	4	4	23	43	23
Killdeer		1		10	2	1	1
Common Snipe					1		
Glaucous Gull							1 imm.
Herring Gull			2			1	7
Ring-billed Gull		26	17	1	4	9	7
Rock Dove		42		6	17	5	
Mourning Dove		1			3		
Great Horned Owl			7	3	1		2

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Belted Kingfisher		9			2		
Common Flicker	1	12	9		9	5 2	
"Red-shafted" race				2			2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker						1	
Downy Woodpecker	1		2	2	2	2	
No. Three-toed Woodpecker	1 ma						
Horned Lark			5	20			
Blue Jay					1		
Steller's Jay						2	
Scrub Jay	1					11	
Black-billed Magpie	1	34	15	9	17	8 1	2
American Crow		3	4			2	
Black-capped Chickadee	8		8	2	5	4	
Mountain Chickadee	30					1	
White-breasted Nuthatch	1(h)						
Red-breasted Nuthatch					2		
Pygmy Nuthatch	100						
Brown Creeper	1			1	2	1	
North American Dipper	6		2				
Marsh Wren							1
Canyon Wren	2					3	
American Robin	40	1	3	2	11	1 3	2
Townsend's Solitaire	4					5	
Golden-crowned Kinglet					1		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1	1	
Bohemian Waxwing							14
European Starling	20	14	70	3	45	5 17	5
House Sparrow	20	4		16	15		
Western Meadowlark			17	11		1 2	9
Red-winged Blackbird		2	25	100	35		6
House Finch	20	2	3		12	2	
Pine Siskin	(h)			20			
American Goldfinch		2					
Red Crossbill	6						
Rufous-sided Towhee	3				2	3	
Northern Junco	30		12			2 16	
"Slate-colored" race	4				1		
"Oregon" race	16			2	24		
Gray-headed Junco	40						
American Tree Sparrow	1		4				
White-crowned Sparrow				9	2		
White-throated Sparrow					1		
Lincoln's Sparrow				1			
Song Sparrow			5	3	20		9
TOTAL SPECIES - 79	23	25	38	40	45	44	26

ABBREVIATIONS: Plains=pln., plns.; foothills=ft.; mountains=mts.; imm=immature; ma=males; (h)=heard only.

ADDITIONAL MARCH 1982 REPORTS:

Black-crowned Night Heron 3-28 (4) Wheatridge Greenbelt (JJC).

Canvasback 3-21 (57) Gaylord Lake, Boulder Co. (DJW).

Northern Goshawk 3-21 (1) Silverthorne (HK); 3/24-25 (1 ad., 1 imm.) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (JA, RB) (New to Latilong); 3-27 (2) Genesee Mt. Park (HK).

Sharp-shinned Hawk 3-27 (1) Genesee Mt. Park (HK).
 Swainson's Hawk 3-23 (1 ad.) Two Buttes Wildlife Area, Baca Co. (JA, RB).
 Lesser Prairie Chicken 3-26 (4) S.E. of Campo, Baca Co. (JA, RB).
 Whooping Crane 3-20 (1 ad.) Monte Vista N.W.R. (AK).
 American Avocet 3-20 (2) Prospect Res. (JJC).
 Baird's Sandpiper 3-22 (40) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (RB).
 Glaucous Gull 3-18 (1 ad., 1 2nd yr.) Prewitt Res. (KK, MH, TF).
 California Gull 3-9 (4 ad.) Baseline Res., Boulder Co. (DW).
 Barn Owl 3-26 (1) Hwy. 160 west of Sharp Ranch, Los Animas Co., under bridge (JA, RB).
 Common Screech Owl 3/23-25 (2) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (JA, RB).
 Burrowing Owl 3-26 (1) Chatfield State Park (JJC).
 Long-eared Owl 3/23-26 (4) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (JA, RB).
 White-throated Swift 3-14 (1) Garden of the Gods (JA, RB) (New early date); 3-20 (1) Red Rocks Park (HH); 3-20 (4) Canyon City (RB).
 Common Flicker 3-16 (1) Denver "hybrid...red nape and red whiskers." (CB).
 Lewis' Woodpecker 3-17 (2) Near Gates Pond, Colorado Springs (RB).
 Williamson's Sapsucker 3-14 (1 seen, several others heard) Genesee Mt. Pk. (JJC); 3-20 (1 ma) S.W. of Coaldale, Fremont Co. (JA, RB); 3-27 (2) Genesee (HK).
 Hairy Woodpecker - "7 observations in March at 869 Milwaukee, Denver" (HK).
 Ladder-backed Woodpecker 3-27 (1 ma.) Rye, Colo. (DM, DN, RS).
 Say's Phoebe 3-20 (2) Penrose (JA, RB); 3-23 (2) S.E. end of Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (JA, RB).
 Eastern Phoebe 3/23-25 (2) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (JA, RB).
 Tree Swallow 3-13 (3) Chatfield State Park (HK). (New early date)
 Rock Wren 3/24-25 (8) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (JA, RB).
 Sage Thrasher 3-22 (3) S.E. of Fountain (JA, RB).
 Curve-billed Thrasher 3-22 (2) S.E. of Fountain; 3-22 (1) Hwy. 96 west of Boone, Pueblo Co.; 3-23 (2) Two Buttes Wildlife Area; 3/24-25 (2) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (RB).
 Eastern Bluebird 3-17 (2 ma.) Fort Carson (JA, RB).
 Western Bluebird 3-31 (25+) Genesee Mt. Pk. (JJC).
 Bohemian Waxwing--Many reports throughout month in Denver-Boulder area in flocks up to 300.
 Loggerhead Shrike 3-20 (1 ad.) Prospect Res. (JJC).
 Evening Grosbeak 3-27 (70) Rye, Colo. (DM, DN, RS).
 Pine Grosbeak 3-21 (2) Silverthorne (HK).
 Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 3/20-21 (100) Silverthorne (HK); 3-31 (10 - 2 "forms") Squaw Mt. and W. Chicago Cr. (JJC).
 Black Rosy Finch 3/20-21 (1) Silverthorne (HK); 3-31 (1 ad.ma.) Squaw Mt. (JJC).
 Brown-capped Rosy Finch 3/20-21 (50) Silverthorne (HK).
 Green-tailed Towhee 3-24 (1) Near Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (New early date). (RB).
 Rufous-sided Towhee 3-23 (1 "Eastern race") Two Buttes Wildlife Area (RB).
 Rufous-crowned Sparrow 3-25 (2 singing) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (RB).
 Black-throated Sparrow 3-22 (2 ad.) Baculite Mesa (JA, RB).
 Harris' Sparrow 3-26 (1 imm.) Chatfield S.P. (JJC).
 Golden-crowned Sparrow 3-8 & 10 (1) Bear Creek Res. (MJS, BP). No specific description submitted; subject to approval of records committee.
 Lincoln's Sparrow 3-22 (1) Baculite Mesa (JA, RB).
 Swamp Sparrow 3-26 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DM, DN).
 Chestnut-collared Longspur 3-20 (1 ma.) Bonney Res., Kit Carson Co. (New early date) (HH); 3-23 (300) Hwy. 160 east of Pritchett, Baca Co. (JA, RB); 3-26 (460) along roadside S.E. of Camp to a few miles west of the Las Animas & Baca Co. line (JA, RB).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in check-list order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

MAY MEETING -- May 25, 1982

Sounds of Birds -- Thrushes, vireos, songbirds

Speaker: DR. RONALD A. RYDER -- BIRDS OF NEW ZEALAND and AUSTRALIA

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 1982

- MAY 1, Saturday. DENVER-NORTHWEST LAKES. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4927. Meet at Sloan's Lake, 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *
- 2, Sunday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Doug Ward, 666-8985. Meet in Boulder at the Postal Station, east of Crossroads Shopping Center on 30th behind Denver Dry, at 8:00 A.M. Make your own carpool at south lot of Wheatridge Methodist Church, 38th Ave. and Wadsworth at 7:15 A.M. *
- 8, Saturday. BUFFALO-WELLINGTON LAKE AREA. Leader: Chris Blakeslee, 623-6343. Meet leader at Pine Jct. and U.S. 285 at 8:00 A.M. Make your own carpool at Bear Valley Shopping Center, S.W. of May-D&F, Sheridan and Hampden at 7:30 A.M.*
- 9, Sunday. RIGLI RANCH - Prairie Habitat. Leader: Joe Rigli. Co-ordinator: Ruth Wheeler, 455-3924. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the north lot, Denver Museum of Natural History. *

SPRING COUNT - May 15 and 16. Hugh Kingery, Co-ordinator. Send reports to Kathy Hawkins, 6860 E. Mississippi, Denver, 80224.

15, Saturday:

RED ROCKS	Duane Nelson 420-9770
BEAR CREEK	Mary Jane Schock 922-3144 (Meet 6:00 A.M., Bear Valley S.C.)
WATERTON	Hugh Kingery 333-0161
CHATFIELD	Frank and Jan Justice 936-4547
EVERGREEN AREA	Bill Brockner 674-4851

16, Sunday:

BARR LAKE	Dick Schottler 985-0579
CHERRY CREEK	Floyd Pendell 758-5530 (Meet 6:00 A.M., West Gate).
BARR PERIPHERY	Walter Bull 751-1032 (Meet 7:00 A.M., Bromley & Piccadilly Rds.).
CASTLEWOOD CANYON	Paul Rechel 688-6255 (Meet 7:00 A.M., Texaco Sta., Franktown).

(Be sure to call leaders so they can plan a successful count.)

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MAY 22, Saturday. ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK. Leader: Susan Kraner. Co-ordinator: Ruth Wheeler, 455-3924. Meet at 7:00 A.M., Roxborough & Rampart Roads. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (Hampden & So. Logan St.) at 6:30 A.M. *

23, Sunday. RED ROCKS and FOOTHILLS AREAS. Leader: Dieter Kamm, 697-6981. Meet at the Trading Post in Red Rocks at 7:00 A.M. Lunch optional.

29, Saturday. McCLELLAN RES., HIGHLINE DITCH, DANIELS PARK. Leader: Les Robinette 986-2332. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center, U.S. 285 (Hampden and So. Logan St.) *

29-31 Memorial Weekend Trip. GRAND JUNCTION AREA. Leader: Mary Fischer, 1-242-7978. Meet at Museum of Western Colorado at 1:00 P.M. on I-70 Business Rt., 4th St. and Ute Ave. in Grand Junction.

Tentative Itinerary: Sat. afternoon, Colorado National Monument. Sun. all day trip possibly to Uncompahgre Plateau. Mon. half day trip to Plateau area east of Grand Junction (toward home).

Call Robert Spencer, 279-4682, if you plan to go. Camping, motel list available.

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer (279-4682)

Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: May 25, 1982

Election of Officers and Directors for 1982-1983 Terms

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Speaker: DR. RONALD A. RYDER -- BIRDS OF NEW ZEALAND and AUSTRALIA

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APRIL 1982 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

Apr. 3, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park. (No report received).

- 4, Sunday. Boulder Area: Baseline Res., Valmont Res., Sawhill Ponds, Swede Lakes, Union Res., Gaylord Lake (BOLD). Leaders: Doug and Judy Ward. Observers: John Bregar, Bill Brockner, Ken Lane, Kathy and Roy Wren, Victor Zerbi (Glenwood Springs), and F avia Zorogniotti. (Clear; 45° to 60° F.; wind, 0-20 mph). 46 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 7 hours. (57 species, 2202 individuals).
- 10, Saturday. Red Rocks Park, Morrison Park, Soda Lakes, Bear Creek near Morrison. Leader: Jerome Besser. Observers: Black Besser, Henry and Vi Bossman, Tom and Jenny Faxon, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Rae Keppelmann, Freda Krolik, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Dick Pautsch, Les Robinette, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind, 0-5 mph; 40° to 60° F.). 4 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 6 hours. (30 species, 208 individuals).
- 17, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek: Lowell to Estes; Henry's Lake, Morrison (BEAR). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Syd Glick, Freda Krolik, Tim Schowalter, Jo and Don Shrode, Vito Tursi. (Fair; wind calm to gentle breeze; 30° to 63° F). 31 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 6 hours. (49 species, 485 individuals).

Apr. 18, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Ruby Ebright, Warren Finch, June and Bill Kistler, Ben Moore, Pat Moore, Duane Nelson. (Partly cloudy; wind 0-20 mph; 45° to 68° F). 6½ hrs.; 16 miles. (63 species, 1637 individuals).

24, Saturday. Sharp-tailed Grouse Census: Castle Rock (CR). Leaders: Bernie Goetze, Rich Lopez, Ted Washington, Bob Yoder (Colo. Div. of Wildlife); Jerry Alliger, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Al Koewing, Ruth Wheeler (DFO). Coordinator: Warren Finch. Observers: Virginia Edens, Beverly Engstrom, Polly Fields, Doug Gale, Dieter Kamm, Herman and Jean Kretschner, Dick Schottler, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Thayer, Vito Tursi. (Partly cloudy; windy; 45° to 50° F). 3½ hrs. (29 species, 281 individuals).

25, Sunday. Waterton and Chatfield State Park (W-CH). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Mary Dexter, Virginia Edens, Sid Glick, Therese Gregory, Noni Hilliard, Frank Justice, Ken Lane, Mel Lewis, Nicki Pliler. (Clear, sunny). (61 species, 813 individuals).

APRIL AREA HABITAT	4 BOLD Plns	10 RRP Fthl	17 BEAR Pl/Ft	18 CSP Plns	24 CR Plns	25 W-CH Plns
Horned Grebe	159		4	45		18
Eared Grebe	1			1		
Western Grebe	184	3		9		248
Pied-billed Grebe	2		1	10		8
Double-crested Cormorant				37		35
Great Blue Heron	10		1	140	1	35
Black-crowned Night Heron			3	2		
White-faced Ibis				19		23
Canada Goose	81		40	11		12
Mallard	178	2	43	10	4	17
Gadwall	42	2	54	12		8
Common Pintail	104					
Green-winged Teal	63		5	16		8
Blue-winged Teal			15	15		12
Cinnamon Teal	2		2	18		2
American Wigeon	39		10	1		2
Northern Shoveler	75			1		2
Wood Duck						3
Redhead	208	70	3	1		
Ring-necked Duck	44					
Canvasback	1		1			
Duck species	150					
Lesser Scaup	70		12	16		10
Common Goldeneye	1		5	6		5
Bufflehead	1		45	38		26
Ruddy Duck			16	15		14
Hooded Merganser			1			
Common Merganser	12	12		3		
Turkey Vulture		7	3	2	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1		1
Cooper's Hawk					2	
Red-tailed Hawk					1	1
"Western" race	2			1		
Swainson's Hawk			1			2
Golden Eagle			1			
Northern Harrier	5					
Osprey						1
American Kestrel	16	3	2	8	5	4
Sharp-tailed Grouse					9	

APRIL AREA HABITAT	4 BOLD Plns	10 RRP Fthl	17 BEAR Pl/Ft	18 CSP Plns	24 CR Plns	25 W-CH Plns
Ring-necked Pheasant	1			4		
American Coot	62		1	600		228
American Avocet	12		2			
Semipalmated Plover						2
Killdeer	13		1	12		9
Marbled Godwit						8
Greater Yellowlegs	1					
Lesser Yellowlegs	1			3		
Willet				1		3
Wilson's Phalarope			1			
Common Snipe	1	2		1	2	2
Baird's Sandpiper	9				4	
Herring Gull	18					
California Gull	57		3	4		6
Ring-billed Gull	39		42	32		25
Franklin's Gull	4					
Bonaparte's Gull	2					
Gull species	104					
Rock Dove	19	6	19	3		10
Mourning Dove			6	36	13	8
Great Horned Owl	1			2		3
Burrowing Owl				2		2
White-throated Swift		8				
Belted Kingfisher	2	1	6	5	2	2
Common Flicker	1					
"Red-shafted" race	14	4	8	3		3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1				
Downy Woodpecker		1		6		5
eastern races	2					
Horned Lark	1			7	25	2
Tree Swallow			1	4		10
Bank Swallow				1		
Barn Swallow			1	3		7
Blue Jay					1	
Scrub Jay		10			2	
Black-billed Magpie	21	9	15	13	16	12
Northern Raven	1	20		12	11	
American Crow	3	1		2		20
Black-capped Chickadee	2	2	2	9	10	18
Brown Creeper		1				
North American Dipper		1	1			
Canyon Wren		5				
American Robin	8	14	15	21	12	14
Mountain Bluebird					6	
Townsend's Solitaire		3			3	5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1		1		
Water Pipit				1		
European Starling	114	3	20	100	35	25
Orange-crowned Warbler						1
Yellow-rumped Warbler						4
"Myrtle" race			1	7	1	1
"Audubon's" race			1	4		6
House Sparrow	32		8		1	

APRIL AREA HABITAT	4 BOLD Plns	10 RRP Fthl	17 BEAR Pl/Ft	18 CSP Plns	24 CR Plns	25 W-CH Plns
Western Meadowlark	34	3	11	35	63	35
Red-winged Blackbird	54		14	200	20	23
Brewer's Blackbird						12
Common Grackle			20	40	1	6
House Finch		4	10		2	4
Pine Siskin			1			2
American Goldfinch	1			3		
Rufous-sided Towhee				1		9
"Spotted" race					28	
Vesper Sparrow					3	
Northern Junco						
"Slate-colored" race		2		2		
"Oregon" race	5	3		5		
Gray-headed Junco		4				
American Tree Sparrow	1			1		
Chipping Sparrow					2	
Harris' Sparrow						1
White-crowned Sparrow	5		1	8		16
Song Sparrow	10		5	5		6
TOTAL SPECIES - 103	57	30	49	63	29	61

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(h)=heard only.

ADDITIONAL APRIL 1982 REPORTS:

- Common Loon 4-25 (5) Antero Res., Park Co. (RB, TL).
 (a) Cattle Egret 4-22 (1) Chatfield State Park (TJ, BR).
 Great Egret 4-10 (1) Big Johnson Res., El Paso Co. (RB, TL).
 Snowy Egret 4-19 (2) 95th and Valmont Rd., Boulder Co. (DW).
 White-faced Ibis 4-18 (19) Chatfield S.P. (BL, AB); 4-25 (245) Antero Res., Park Co. (RB, TL).
 Whistling Swan 4-3 (5) Tel er Res., Ft. Carson (RB).
 Snow Goose 4-25 (5) Antero Res., Park Co. (RB, TL); 4-29 (1) Sloan's Lake (DS).
 Ross' Goose 4-10 (1) Big Johnson Res., El Paso Co. (RB, TL).
 Red-breasted Merganser 4-6 (16) Big Johnson Res. (RB); 4-25 (1 ma) Antero Res. (RB).
 Swainson's Hawk 4-27 (100+) Hwy. 287 in Baca, Prowers, Kiowa and Cheyenne Counties. "As many as 30 visible at one time in fields being freshly cultivated along highway." (BL, AB).
 Ferruginous Hawk 4-10 (1) Baca Co. (DCN, DM).
 Bald Eagle 4-25 (1 imm.) Antero Res. (RB, TL).
 (2) Peregrine Falcon 4-24 (1 ad. ma.) Hanna Ranch, El Paso Co. (RB); 4-25 (1 ad. ma.) Antero Res. (RB).
 Lesser Prairie Chicken 4-10 (13) Baca Co. (DCN, DM); 4-27 (12) Baca Co. (BL, AB).
 Scaled Quail 4-10 (6) Baca Co. (DCN, DM); 4-27 (8) Two Buttes, Baca Co. (BL, AB).
 Sandhill Crane 4-17 (2) Barr Lake S.P. (HK).
 (15) Sora 4-23 (1) Vanderbilt Park (SW).
 Snowy Plover 4-10 (2) Cheraw Lake (DCN, DM); 4-25 (1) Antero Res. (RB, TL).
 Marbled Godwit 4-28 (39) Chatfield S.P. (DS).
 Long-billed Curlew 4-10 (6) Baca Co. (DCN, DM); 4-10 (3) S.E. El Paso Co. (RB, TL); 4-27 (4) Cheyenne Co. (BL, AN).
 (56) Iceland Gull 4-11 (1) Cherry Creek R.A. (WF, DS). There is controversy as to this identification and detailed descriptions should be submitted to the records committee. Ed.
 Franklin's Gull 4-28 (20) Chatfield S.P. (DS).
 Barn Owl 4-27 (5) Two Buttes, Baca Co. (BL, AB).
 Poor-will 4-28 (1) 9th and Milwaukee, Denver (HK).
 Red-bellied Woodpecker 4-17 (1) Bonny Res. (DJW).
 (83) Vermillion Flycatcher 4-25 (1 ma) John Martin Res. (MJS).

Bohemian Waxwing 4-9 (35) 10th and Milwaukee, Denver (UK).
Black-and-white Warbler 4-27 (1) Two Buttes Res., Baca Co. (BL, AB).
Grace's Warbler 4-17 (3) Rye, Pueblo Co. (RB, TL, MH).
Black-throated Sparrow 4-17 (2) Bacculite Mesa, Pueblo Co. (RB, DG, TL).
Chestnut-collared Longspur 4-10 (12) Baca Co. (DCN, DM).

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the appropriate changes.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 1982

- JUNE 5, Saturday. PAWNEE GRASSLANDS. Leader: Dick Pratt (795-8497). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at
north lot of Denver Museum of Natural History. *
- 6, Sunday. IDLEDALE and Foothills. Leaders: Bill & Inez Prather. (697-9535). Meet
at 7:30 A.M. in front of Woolco in shopping center on Jewel west of Wadsworth. *
- 7-9 Monday, Tues. & Wed. NORTH PARK. Leader: Lyle Jordan (794-1800). Meet at the North
Park Motel in Walden at 1:00 P.M. on Monday the 7th. If you want to go call Lyle
Jordan and he will give more information and assist in carpooling.

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- JUNE 12, Saturday. COLORADO SPRINGS AREA. Leader: Richard Bunn (1-473-2710). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Forest Service Hdqtrs., 320 Fillmore St. in Colo. Sprgs. Take Fillmore exit and go east of I-25. *
- 13, Sunday. CASTLEWOOD CANYON. Birders welcome to the Rachel's log home. Gate will be open at 10:00 A.M. Coffee and tea furnished. Bring LUNCH for early afternoon (2-3 P.M.) picnic, followed by more birding. Directions: $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. west of Franktown on Hwy 86, then south on Douglas Co. Hwy 51, 1&1/8 mi. Right on Willow Lake Dr., west to 2nd house on left with split rail fence.
- 11-13 COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS ANNUAL CONVENTION. Contact Judy Pyle (443-8204) for info.
- 19, Saturday. ANTERO RESERVOIR & SOUTH PARK. Leader: Charlie Chase. Meet leader at 9:00 A.M. at Antero Jct. (Jct. of Hwys 285 & 24). Carpool at Bear Valley Shopping Center for those going all day Saturday at 7:00 A.M. Overnight camping available at forest campground or accommodations at the Fairplay Hotel. Call field trip chairmen for additional information. Bring warm clothes and food.
- 20, Sunday. BUFFALO PEAK AREA (See above).
- 26, Saturday. PERRY PARK Leader: Jerry Alligar (681-2000). Carpool at 6:30 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center (Hampden & Logan). Meet leader at entrance to Perry Park at 7:30.*
- 27, Sunday. NEST BOX RESEARCH PROJECT. Leader: Prof. Bob Cohen. Trip will go to Central City-Tolland and Rollinsville area. Meet leader at the Wheatridge Methodist Church, south lot behind church at 7:00 A.M., 38th Ave., & Wadsworth. *
- 30, Wednesday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. Leader: Warner Reeser. Meet leader at 9:00 A.M. at RMNP headquarters. Carpool at 7:00 A.M. at Wheatridge Methodist Church, 38th & Wadsworth, south lot. *
- *Bring lunch. FIELD TRIP CHAIRMEN: Bob Spencer (279-4682); Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NO MEETING THIS MONTH

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MAY 1982 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- MAY 1, Saturday. No report received.
- 2, Sunday. Boulder Area: Gregory Canyon, Chataqua Park, Baseline, Valmont Res., Walden Ponds, Union Res., Gaylord Lake and various farm ponds. (BOLD).
Leader: Doug Ward. Observers: Tina Jones and Carol Kampert. (Clear to partly cloudy; calm to brisk winds; 50° F.). 9 hrs.; 45 mi. by car; 3 mi. on foot. (80 species, 1002 individuals).
- 8, Saturday. Pine, Buffalo Creek and Wellington Lake (PINE). Leader: Chris A. Blakeslee. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Bobbye Frazier, Marshall M. Frazier, Bill and Jewel Henricks, Kate Kittleman, Freda Krolik, Dick Pautsch, Vivian Plile, June Rynders, Tim Showalter, Jo and Don Shrode, Helen Tripp, Elsie Van Erp, Tom Van Erp, Ruth Wheeler. (50% high cloudiness to 100% thick storm clouds in p.m.; rain; high wind to 30 mph; low 40's). 41 miles; 8 hrs. (48 species, 320 individuals).
- 9, Sunday. Rigli Ranch, Ft. Morgan (RIG). Leader: Joseph C. Rigli. Observers: Joe, Suzanne, Evan and John Beatty, Bill and Sylvia Brockner, William and Olive Burch (New York State), Virginia Eden, David and Karen Hutchinson, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Freda Krolik, Ken Lane, Susan Levin, David Suits, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler, Ruth Wickham. (Cloudy; wind 0-20 mph; 45° to 75°). 20 mi. by car, 5 mi. on foot; 8½ hrs. (64 species, 1511 individuals).

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MAY 14-15, Friday-Saturday. Hwy. 36 from Last Chance to Bonny Res. (BON). Observers: Doug and Judy Ward. (Partly cloudy to clear; wind brisk; 40° to 60°F). 100 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot. (105 species, 2093 individuals).

15-16, ANNUAL SPRING COUNT. See attached addendum.

22, Saturday. Roxborough Park (ROX). Leader: Carol Jones (Div. of Parks and Outdoor Recreation). Observers: Jerry Alliger, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Lorraine Chappell, Glenna Corey, Don and Lee Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Ken LaBorde, Thompson Marsh, Be Merry, Shelby and Evelyn Nordheim, Harold and Betty Oliver, Lulita Pritchett, Mary Schofield, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Fair, high thin clouds; wind 0-12 mph N.E.; 50° to 70°F). 46 mi. Dry Creek to Park, 2 mi. on foot; 5 hrs. (41 species, 178 individuals).

23, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison (RRP). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Bill Brockner; Bruce, Kristal, Jon and Virginia Faxon; Alicia, Richard and Karl Kamm; Bernice Merry; Art and Trudy Morse. (Sunny to cloudy; wind calm; 60° to 75°F). 1½ mi. on foot; 6 hrs. (43 species, 301 individuals).

29, Saturday. McClellan Reservoir, adjacent Highline Canal and Daniels Park (MHD). Leader: Les Robinette. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Glenna Corey, Judy Kaslow, Jean and Herman Kretschmer, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Rich and Betsy Maslow, June Rynders, Mary Scofield, Jo and Don Shrode, Tom Soothwick. (Partly cloudy; wind 0-15 mph; light rain; 60° to 70°F). 40 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (55 species, 264 individuals).

29-31, Memorial Day Weekend. No report received.

MAY AREA	2 BOLD Pl/Ft	8 PINE Mts	9 RIG Plns	14/15 BON Plns	22 ROX Fthl	23 RRP Fthl	29 MHD Plns
HABITAT							
Common Loon							2
Horned Grebe	4						
Eared Grebe	3	1		6			
Western Grebe	66			21			18
Pied-billed Grebe	3						
American White Pelican				3			
Double-crested Cormorant				3			7
Great Blue Heron	9			1			4
Great Egret	1						
Black-crowned Night Heron	3						
Canada Goose	51			2			2
Mallard	34	9	6	15	2	2	9
Gadwall	39			25			
Common Pintail	2		1				
Green-winged Teal	11			3			1
Blue-winged Teal	21		3	6			
Cinnamon Teal	5						
American Wigeon	2						
Northern Shoveler	25			7			
Redhead	14			2			2
Ring-necked Duck	20						
Lesser Scaup	12						9
Bufflehead	20						
Ruddy Duck	3			4			
Common Merganser	1f						
Turkey Vulture		16			2		

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MAY AREA HABITAT	2 BOLD Pl/Ft	8 FINE Mts	9 RIG Plns	14/15 BON Plns	22 ROX Fthl	23 RRP Fthl	29 MHD Plns
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1	1		
Red-tailed Hawk		1	2			1	
"Western" race				4			2
Swainson's Hawk			3	6			1
Ferruginous Hawk			1				
Golden Eagle						1	
Northern Harrier	1		1	4			
Osprey	1						
Prairie Falcon				1			
American Kestrel	11	1		7	6		7
Ring-necked Pheasant	1h		2	23			
American Coot	43			48			1
Black-necked Stilt	1						
American Avocet	34						
Killdeer	28		11	13			3
Black-bellied Plover				6			
Whimbrel				1			
Long-billed Curlew	1		3				
Greater Yellowlegs	1						
Lesser Yellowlegs	2			1			
Solitary Sandpiper	1		1				
Willet	2						
Spotted Sandpiper	4						
Wilson's Phalarope	58			10			
Common Snipe	1						
Long-billed Dowitcher	22			1			
Sanderling	1						
Least Sandpiper	3						
Baird's Sandpiper	5			7			
Herring Gull		1					
California Gull		1					
Ring-billed Gull	7			10			2
Franklin's Gull				21			
Bonaparte's Gull	2						
Forster's Tern	1			7			
Black Tern				4			
Rock Dove	20	4	7		7	11	
Mourning Dove	11		219	130	7	1	10
Barn Owl		3		1			
Great Horned Owl			6	3adlim.		1	
Burrowing Owl			5	2			
Long-eared Owl			1	1			
Screech-owl				2			
Common Nighthawk				1			
White-throated Swift					5	27	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		2			2		1
Belted Kingfisher	1	3X		2			1
Common Flicker							
"Yellow-shafted" race				5			
"Red-shafted" race	4	3	2	1	2	1	3
Hybrid				1			
Red-headed Woodpecker				8			

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Lewis' Woodpecker	1						
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		4					
Hairy Woodpecker		1					
eastern races	1			1			
Downy Woodpecker					1		
eastern races				7			
Eastern Kingbird			1	11			5
Western Kingbird			32	54			1
Say's Phoebe			1				
Least Flycatcher				1			
Dusky Flycatcher				2			
Western Flycatcher						1	
Empidonax species	1		3	17			
Western Pewee			4	3		1	2
Horned Lark	2		57	108			1
Violet-green Swallow			3		9	10	
Tree Swallow	16	23					
Bank Swallow			2				
Rough-winged Swallow		1	2	32			1
Barn Swallow	12	9	73	25		3	9
Cliff Swallow		1		40		44	40
Blue Jay				25			
Steller's Jay	3	4					
Scrub Jay					6	9	1
Black-billed Magpie	13	3	24	5	6	16	12
Northern Raven	3	7			4	1	1
American Crow	2	1		4	2		1
Black-capped Chickadee	1	1		12	4	1	1
Mountain Chickadee		1					1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5				1		
Pygmy Nuthatch		2					
House Wren	2	2	1	70	4	2	5
Canyon Wren					3	2	
Rock Wren	1						
Northern Mockingbird			1				
Gray Catbird				1	3	2	
Brown Thrasher			4	22			
American Robin	25	5	3	42	10	17	7
Hermit Thrush			2				
Swainson's Thrush				6	1	1	
Veery				1			
Western Bluebird		2					
Mountain Bluebird		11			8		1
Townsend's Solitaire		4	1				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					2		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1	1				
Cedar Waxwing				22			
Loggerhead Shrike			3	5			
European Starling	35	7	7	35	5	9	23
Solitary Vireo							1
Red-eyed Vireo				1			
Warbling Vireo				10	1		
Black-and-white Warbler				1			

MAY AREA HABITAT	2 BOLD Pl/Ft	8 PINE Mts	9 RIG Plns	14/15 BON Plns	22 ROX Fthl	23 RRP Fthl	29 MHD Plns
Tennessee Warbler			1				
Orange-crowned Warbler			2	7			
Nashville Warbler				1			
Virginia's Warbler	2		1		3	4	
Yellow Warbler				25	2	11	5
Black-throated Blue Warbler			1				
Yellow-rumped Warbler							
"Myrtle" race			4	20			
"Audubon's" race	2	31	4	18	12	1	
Blackpoll Warbler				1			
Ovenbird			1	1			
Northern Waterthrush				1			
MacGillivray's Warbler			3				
Common Yellowthroat				25			
Yellow-breasted Chat				3		7	4
Wilson's Warbler			3	2			
House Sparrow	35	2	1	300	60	2	
Western Meadowlark	15	4	1	75	75	10	8
Yellow-headed Blackbird	11			4		7	
Red-winged Blackbird	53	4	1	255			3
Orchard Oriole				7			
Northern Oriole							
"Baltimore" race				3			
"Bullock's" race			10	5	2	18	12
Hybrid				1m			
Brewer's Blackbird		2	6	2		4	
Common Grackle	60	5	97	150		1	
Brown-headed Cowbird		8	4	65	5	12	
Western Tanager					8	5	3
*Hepatic Tanager				1ma			
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				1ma		1ma	
Black-headed Grosbeak				2	8	6	3
Lazuli Bunting				3	6	10	
Evening Grosbeak		30			5		
Cassin's Finch		1					
House Finch	4					11	
Pine Siskin	6	28			6		
American Goldfinch		2		9		2	2
Lesser Goldfinch						3	3
Red Crossbill	10						
Green-tailed Towhee	1		6		1	2	2
Rufous-sided Towhee			9		20	29	8
"Spotted" race	23			14			
Lark Bunting			413	110			
Savannah Sparrow		1					
Grasshopper Sparrow			1				
Vesper Sparrow		2	1	2	1		2
Lark Sparrow			5	20			
Gray-headed Junco		7					
Chipping Sparrow		34	10	80		1	4
Clay-colored Sparrow			5	98			

MAY AREA HABITAT	2 BOLD Pl/Ft	8 PINE Mts	9 RIG Plns	14/15 BON Plns	22 ROX Fthl	23 RRP Fthl	29 MHD Plns
Brewer's Sparrow			35	2			
White-crowned Sparrow		3	12	11			
Lincoln's Sparrow			1	1			
Song Sparrow	3	3		7	1		
Sparrow species		3					
TOTAL SPECIES - 173	80	48	64	105	41	43	55

SYMBOLS: *Subject to records committee approval.
X=Active Kingfisher burrow. h=heard only.
Plns=plains; Fthl=foothills; Mts=mountains; imm=
immature; f=female; m,ma=male; ad=adult

ADDITIONAL MAY 1982 REPORTS:

Common Loon 5-1 (1) Chatfield S.P. (KH, JL, JR).
Western Grebe 5-1 (1 "Clark's" form) Chatfield S.P. (KH, JL, JR); 5-2 (447) Chatfield S.P. (HK).
Green Heron 5-14 (1) Bear Creek Greenbelt (MJS); 5-16 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN); 5-26 (2) Wheatridge Greenbelt (KH); 15-30 (1) Hanna Ranch, Colo. Sprgs. (RB).
American Bittern 5-15 (2) Antero Res., Park Co. (RB, SB); 5-16 (1) Monument, Co.(RB,EW); 5-22 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN); 5-26 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (KH).
Snowy Egret 5-18 (1) CCRA (JB).
Snow Goose 5-15 (5 "white" phase) Antero Res. (SB, RB); 5-16 (2 ad., 5 imm.) Pond at Rds. 6 & 61 in Weld Co. (KH).
Wood Duck - many observations all month at Chatfield S.P. and Waterton.
Broad-winged Hawk 5-1 (1) Muir Springs (DJW); 5-1 (1) Morrison (KH, JL, JR); 5-7 (1 ad) (JJC); 5-9 (1) Morrison (BR); 5-16 (1 ad) Monument (RB, EW); 5-16 (1 ad) Barr Lake S. P. (DS); 5-20 (1) Waterton (HK); 5-28 (1) 869 Milwaukee St., Denver (HK);
Peregrine Falcon 5-1 (1 ad) Cherry Creek R.A. (DS, WF).
Black-necked Stilt 5-1 (1) Prospect Res. (DJW); 5-1 (1) Cherry Creek R.A. (DS).
Semipalmated Plover 5-6 (2) Windsor Lake (KH); 5-21 (8) Antero Res. (RB).
Snowy Plover 5-21 (3 pair) Antero Res. (RB).
Mountain Plover 5-1 (1) Prospect Res. (DJW); 5-21 (1 pair) Antero Res. (RB).
Lesser Golden Plover 5-1 (1) Prospect Res. (KH, JS, JR).
Black-bellied Plover 5-16 (2) Mile High Duck Club (KH).
Marbled Godwit 5-1 (30) Chatfield S. P. (JB).
Hudsonian Godwit 5-1 (1) Lake Meredith (RB, JiW).
Whimbrel 5-21 (16) Union Res. (DW); 5-22 (1) Cherry Creek R.A. (PP).
Long-billed Curlew 5-21 (1) Antero Res. (RB).
Solitary Sandpiper 5-8 (1) and 5-15 (1) Barr Lake (JB).
Willet 5-9 (34) Idaho Springs "on rocky slope north side of town." (RNG); 5-13 (1) Windsor Lake (MS).
Northern Phalarope 5-26 (90+) Chatfield S.P. (DS).
Sanderling 5-16 (2) Prospect Res. (KH).
Glaucous Gull 5-1 (1 2nd yr.) Cherry Creek S.R.A. (KH, JL, JR).
Thayer's Gull 5-1 (1 imm.) Chatfield S.P. (KH, JL, JR).
Laughing Gull 5-16 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJ, DN, BS)(Subject to approval of records committee. Ed.)
Bonaparte's Gull 5-23 (1) Cherry Creek R.A. (PP).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 5-29 (1) Boulder Creek, C.U. Campus (DJW).
Pygmy Owl 5-29 (1) Eldorado Spring (BR, SW).
Poorwill 5-9 (1) 680 Cherry St., Denver (PB); 5-19 (1) 869 Milwaukee St., Denver (HK).
White-throated Swift 5-16 (4) Chatfield S.P. (FJ).

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- Cassin's Kingbird 5-16 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (DS); 5-9 (8) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo (RB,SB)
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 5-16 (1) Chatfield S.P. (JB).
- Ash-throated Flycatcher 5-9 (5) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo (SB,RB).
- Olive-sided Flycatcher 5-22 (1) Mt. Falcon (JB).
- Brown Thrasher 5-18 (1) Chatfield S.P. (HK); 5-15 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (JB).
- Wood Thrush 5-1 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (JB).
- Hermit Thrush 5-5 (1) Littleton (AB, BL).
- Swainson's Thrush 5/25-31 (1) 869 Milawukkee St., Denver (HK).
- Veery 5-12 (1) Boulder Creek at 30th St., Boulder (JW); 5-15 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (JB).
- Townsend's Solitaire 5-15 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (JB).
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 5-1 (1) Cherry Creek R.A. (DS); 5-30 (1) Boulder Creek, C.U.
- Campus, Boulder (DW); 5-8 and 22 (1) Mt. Falcon (JB).
- Cedar Waxwing 5-29 (3) Chatfield S.P. (HK).
- Solitary Vireo 5-16 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS); 5-16 (3 "plumbeous" race) Chatfield S.P. (JB).
- Philadelphia Vireo 5/14-16 (1) Myron Stratton (RB) (Subject to approval of records committee. Ed.)
- Black-and-White Warbler 5-1 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (JB); 5-10 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN)
- Worm-eating Warbler 5/6-9 (1) Boulder Creek, C.U. Campus, Boulder (PO, m.ob.); 5/22-24 (1) Boulder Creek, C.U. Campus, Boulder (CH,DJW).
- Golden-winged Warbler 5/11-15 (1 fe) Boulder, C.U. Campus, Boulder (PO, m.ob.); 5-19 (1 ma) 1041 Field St., Lakewood (JJC).
- Blue-winged Warbler 5-23 (1) Gregory Canyon, Boulder (CH, KH).
- Tennessee Warbler 5-8 (1 ma) Waterton (DJW); 5-16 (1) Golden (DN, BS).
- Nashville Warbler 5-8 (1 ma, 1 fe) Waterton (DJW)
- Northern Parula Warbler 5-9 (1 imm) Rye (SB, RB); 5-13 (1 ma, 1 fe) Myron Stratton (RB)
- Magnolia Warbler 5-21 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN); 5-30 (1 ma) Boulder Creek, C.U. Campus, Boulder (PO, m.ob.).
- Black-throated Blue Warbler 5-13 (1 fe) Myron Stratton (RB); 5-31 (1 fe) Matthews/ Winter Park (DS).
- Black-throated Gray Warbler 5/16-20 (1 fe) Boulder Cr., C.U. Campus, Boulder (PO,JW).
- Blackburnian Warbler 5-27, 28 (1 ma) Boulder Cr., C.U. Campus, Boulder (KH, m.ob.).
- Chestnut-sided Warbler 5/9-13, 15 (1 ma) Boulder Cr., C.U. Campus, Boulder (PO, m.ob.); 5-16 (1 ma) Boulder Cr. at 30th St., Boulder (DJW).
- Bay-breasted Warbler 5-29 (1 ma) Boulder Cr., C.U. Campus (DJW, m. ob.).
- Blackpoll Warbler 5-19 (5) Bonny Res. (BR, TJ); 5-26 (1 ma) Chatfield S.P. (DS).
- Palm Warbler 5-2 (1) Windsor Lake (MS); 5-2 (1) Barr Lake (JW); 5-15 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (JB).
- Ovenbird 5-1 (1) Gregory Canyon, Boulder (DW); 5-12 (1) Boulder Creek at 30th St., Boulder (DJW); 5/23-26 (1) Boulder Cr., C.U. Campus (PO, m. ob.).
- Northern Waterthrush 5/12-13 (2) Boulder Creek at 30th St., Boulder (DJW); 5-15 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (JW); 5-22 (1) Milton Res. (HK); 5-22 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN); 5/18-21 (1) Boulder Cr., C.U. Campus, Boulder (PO, m.ob.).
- Mourning Warbler 5/28-30 (1) Boulder Cr., C.U. Campus, Boulder (m.ob.) Due to the difficulty in field identification of this warbler, all observers should submit written documentation to records committee.
- Hooded Warbler 5-9 (1) 161 Del Mar Cir., Aurora (banded) (MS); 5-15 (1 ma) 28th & Taft, Boulder (PO, m.ob.).
- American Redstart 5-18 (1 ma) Waterton (MJS); 5-20 (1) Waterton (HK).
- Painted Redstart 5-29 (1 ma) near Briggsdale, Pawnee Grasslands (PB). (Subject to approval of records committee. Ed.)
- Yellow-headed Blackbird 5-9 (1 fe) "Summit of long scraggy peak near Deckers." (JB).
- Orchard Oriole 5-21 (1 ma) Chatfield (JB).
- Great-tailed Grackle 5-30 (1 ma, 2 fe) Hanna Ranch (RB, SB, JIW, EW).
- Scarlet Tanager 5-21 (1 ma) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN).
- Summer Tanager 5-15 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS).
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5-16 (1 ma) Golden (RNG); 5-23 (1 ma) Pawnee Grasslands (TJ); 5-24 (1 ma) 2777 S. Fenton, Denver (AW); 5-31 (1 ma) Lakewood (JJC).

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Black-headed Grosbeak 5-1 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (HK).
Blue Grosbeak 5-30 (1 fe) Boulder Cr. at 30th St., Boulder (DJW).
Indigo Bunting 5-29 (pair) Chatfield S.P. (HK).
Lincoln's Sparrow 5/1-2 (1) 7675 E. Mercer Pl., Denver; 5-15 (2) Barr Lake (JB).
McCown's Longspur 5-8 (10) Pawnee Grasslands (CH, FH, KH).
Chestnut-collared Longspur 5-8 (15) Pawnee Grasslands (CH, FH, KH).

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Saturday - May 15

RED ROCKS PARK (RRP) Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer,
David Martin. (Clear; 0-20 mph; 30° to 60° F.) 10 hrs. (61 species).

BEAR CREEK (BC) Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Susan and Thompson Marsh,
Bob Spencer (61 species).

CHATFIELD STATE PARK and WATERTON (CSP-WAT) Leaders: Hugh Kingery, Frank and Jan
Justice. Observers: Mary Jane Black, Anne Bonnell, Ruby Ebright, Patty Echelmeyer,
Warren Finch, Amy Galperin, Molly Graves, Fred Hager, Urling Kingery, Kate
Kittleman, Ken Lane, David LaLiberte, Barbara Livingstone, Dick Pratt, June
Rynders. (Partly cloudy; light winds; 40° to 63° F.) 16 miles (135 species).

EVERGREEN -- area not counted.

Sunday - May 16

BARR LAKE STATE PARK (BARR) Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Kin DuBois,
Warren Finch, Ken Lane, Al Wuth. (Partly cloudy; calm-15 mph; 40° to 60° F.)
10 hrs., 10 miles (87 species).

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR (CCR). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Ruth Breckon,
Herman Kretschmer, Freda Krolik, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Don and Jo Shrode.
(Mostly cloudy; calm; 40° to 64° F.) 9½ hrs., 11 ¾ mi. (56 species).

BARR LAKE PERIPHERY (BLP). Leader: Walter Bull. Observers: Donna Bull, Ruth
Bull. (47 species).

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK (CCSP). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: Gerry
Alliger, Virginia Edens, Ben Moore. (Partly cloudy; afternoon thundershowers;
60° F.) 7 hrs. (55 species).

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MAY AREA HABITAT	15 RRP FOOT	15 BC PLNS	15 WTRN PLNS	15 CSP PLNS	16 BARR PLNS	16 CCR PLNS	16 BLP PLNS	16 CCSP FOOT
HORNED GREBE					2			
EARED GREBE				4				
WESTERN GREBE				400	55	21	11	
PIED-BILLED GREBE				15	5			
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN					11		87	
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT			7	65	61		1	
GREAT BLUE HERON		2	8	150	26	1	21	
GREAT EGRET			2			2		
SNOWY EGRET				1	1			
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON		2		3	47			
AMERICAN BITTERN					2			
WHITE-FACED IBIS				34		14		
CANADA GOOSE		4	2	36	31	10	9	2
HALLARD	3	22	8	15	19	18	97	2
GADWALL				8	250	60		
COMMON PINTAIL					17	2	4	
GREEN-WINGED TEAL				10	8	6	5	2
BLUE-WINGED TEAL		7		16	14	3	25	4
CINNAMON TEAL				4	2		12	1
AMERICAN WIGEON					4		2	
NORTHERN SHOVELER				20	68	6	26	
WOOD DUCK			2		2ma. 1fe.			
REDHEAD				1	10			
RING-NECKED DUCK				1				
CANVASBACK					1ma			
LESSER SCAUP				9	17			
COMMON GOLDENEYE				1fe.				
BUFFLEHEAD				21	1fe.			
RUDDY DUCK				30	33	3		
COMMON MERGANSER			1fe					
TURKEY VULTURE				4				25
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK			1					
COOPER'S HAWK		1	1	1	1			
RED-TAILED HAWK	1	1		1	1	1		
BROAD-WINGED HAWK			1		1			
SWAINSON'S HAWK				1	5		5	
GOLDEN EAGLE			1					
NORTHERN HARRIER					1	3		
OSPREY				1				
PRAIRIE-FALCON		1						
AMERICAN KESTREL		1	8	12	9	6	21	
RING-NECKED PHEASANT		1		7	2	11	1	
VIRGINIA RAIL						2		
SORA				1				
AMERICAN COOT				150	90	100	35	
AMERICAN AVOCET				8			46	
KILLDEER		1		14	11		35	12
MARbled GODWIT							43	
LONG-BILLED CURLEW				1				
LESSER YELLOWLEGS				1				
SOLITARY SANDPIPER							5	
WILLET				1				
SPOTTED SANDPIPER	1	7	5	12	16	9	3	
WILSON'S PHALAROPE				300	600	3	130	1
COMMON SNipe	2							

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MAY AREA HABITAT	15 RRP FOOT	15 BC PLNS	15 WTRN PLNS	15 CSP PLNS	16 BARR PLNS	16 CCR PLNS	16 BLP PLNS	16 CCSP FOOT
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER				21		10		
WESTERN SANDPIPER				2				
LEAST SANDPIPER				6				
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER				5				
CALIFORNIA GULL				4	2			
RING-BILLED GULL			7	20	20	3	77	
LAUGHING GULL				1				
FRANKLIN'S GULL				50	6			
SABINE'S GULL								
GULL SPECIES					200			
FORESTER'S TERN						2		
BLACK TERN						2		
ROCK DOVE	11	35	2	3	7	2	13	20
MOURNING DOVE	8	23	13	21	29	12	230	30
GREAT HORNED OWL	1	1		7	2	2ad. 3jm.		
BURROWING OWL				2		1		
LONG-EARED OWL						3		
POOR-WILL				1				
WHITE-THROATED SWIFT	15			4				4
BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD	6			3				4
BELTED KINGFISHER		8	3	2	1			
COMMON FLICKER								
RED-SHAFTED RACE	4	15	6	10	12	5		5
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER				1				
LEWIS WOODPECKER			1					1
DOWNY WOODPECKER	1	2	5	8	6	2		1
EASTERN KINGBIRD			1	2	9			
WESTERN KINGBIRD				6	12	2	14	
CASSIN'S KINGBIRD					1			
SAY'S PHOEBE	1							2
WILLOW FLYCATCHER	4		5		2			
HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER		1						
DUSKY FLYCATCHER		1						
WESTERN FLYCATCHER	2							
EMPIDONAX SPECIES	2	5	7	1	3			
WESTERN PEWEE		1	2	4	3			
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER				2				
HORNED LARK				4		1	89	6
VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW	45	14	44	300		1		8
TREE SWALLOW		3	5	300	5	1		
BANK SWALLOW				7				
ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW		8	44	6	64			
BARN SWALLOW	9	12	44	500	180	15	180	20
CLIFF SWALLOW	40		2	50	2		6	8
STELLER'S JAY								1
SCRUB JAY	14		1					8
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE	16	21	8	39	23	15	88	14
NORTHERN RAVEN	1							
AMERICAN CROW			8	8			1	2
PINYON JAY				11				
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE	8	4	6	13	19	3		12
MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE	1							10
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	2	1	1		3			3
PYGMY NUTHATCH								6
AMERICAN BARN SWALLOW	2							

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HOUSE WREN	8	16	31	32	16	7		16
CANYON WREN	4							1
ROCK WREN	1			2	1			
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD							1	
GRAY CATBIRD	1		2					
BROWN THRASHER					1			
AMERICAN ROBIN	35	32	4	15	14	9		8
HERMIT THRUSH	1		2	1	3			
SWAINSON'S THRUSH	1		4	1	7			
MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD				5				4
TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE			2	3				
BLUE-GRAY Gnatcatcher			1					
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET		1	1	1				
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE		1		5			5	
EUROPEAN STARLING	10	18	7	150	30	5	75	10
SOLITARY VIREO			2	4				5
RED-EYED VIREO	1		2					
WARBLING VIREO			8		2	1		
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER	1							
TENNESSEE WARBLER	1		3		1			
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER	2	1	2	1				
VIRGINIA'S WARBLER	16	3	48	19				
YELLOW WARBLER	3	6	21	7	11	2	1	2
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER								
MYRTLE RACE	10	18	1	6	3			8
AUDUBON'S RACE	75	69	37	45	14	5		12
BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER			3					
TOWNSEND'S WARBLER			1	1				
MAC GILLIVRAY'S WARBLER			3		3			
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT			2	4	4	3	1	
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT	2		6	1				
WILSON'S WARBLER		1	5	3	1			
HOUSE SPARROW	2	6			18		72	2
BOBOLINK				10				
WESTERN MEADOWLARK	8	18	5	56	21	20	152	50
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD				50	150	16	243	
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	1	65	2	200	85	35	236	30
NORTHERN ORIOLE								
BULLOCK'S RACE	7	7	6	6	28	7		1
BREWERS BLACKBIRD	6	1	2	3				3
COMMON GRACKLE	8	28	9	15	35	3	134	4
BROWN-HEADED OOBIRD	40	8	1	25	8	6		4
WESTERN Tanager	3	4	4	6	13	2	2	3
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK		1		2				
BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK	11		3	4	1			2
LAZULI BUNTING	11	1	1	4				3
EVENING GROSBEAK	4	3	8					
HOUSE FINCH	8	15	2			2		2
PINE SISKIN	5	17	2	6				
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH		18	11	4		2		
LESSER GOLDFINCH	2							
GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE	6	5	7	6	10			3
RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE	45	9	14	5	4			20
LARK BUNTING				3			2	
SAVANNAH SPARROW	1	1		10				1

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VESPER SPARROW	1		1	6				30
LARK SPARROW		1	5	3	3		57	2
GRAY HEADED JUNCO			4					12
CHIPPING SPARROW	40		16	82	41		22	8
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW		12			3		43	
BREWER'S SPARROW		2		6	1			
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW	1	1	1	18	3	3		2
LINCOLN'S SPARROW		1	2					
SONG SPARROW	3	14	7	7	6	9	3	
TOTAL SPECIES - 168	61	61	78	114	87	56	47	55
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS - 11,236	585	609	573	3576	2577	488	2366	462
1980 SPRING COUNT :								
TOTAL SPECIES - 137								
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS - 6996								
1981 SPRING COUNT :								
TOTAL SPECIES - 130								
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS - 6618								

NOTICES and REMINDERS

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IN ADDITION TO ADDITIONAL REPORTS: Beginning with the July, 1982, Lark Bunting, the editor will accept and publish, at her discretion, reports from Denver Field Ornithologist members of any particularly interesting or productive field trips (besides regularly-scheduled DFO trips); provided, however, that the report includes all information required on regular trips: date, location, observers, weather, mileage covered, time in field, numbers of species and individuals. These reports will be published only if all pertinent data is provided and will be included on a space available basis.

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DON'T FORGET TO CARPOOL: Mileage expense on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored field trips should be shared. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1982

- JULY 3, Saturday. GOLDEN GATE STATE PARK, WHITE RANCH. Leader Robert Spencer (279-4682). Carpool at Sloans Lake, 25th and Sheridan, 6:30 A.M. Meet leader in Golden at Lions Park, Tenth St. (toward mtns.) at 7:00 A.M.*
- 4, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 5, Monday. McCLELLAN RES., ~~HIGHLAND DITCH~~, DANIELS PARK. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at ~~Dry Creek~~ Shopping Center, Hampden and So. Logan.* Bring picnic lunch. ~~Trip to end soon after lunch.~~
- 10, Saturday. SOUTH PARK, GEORGIA PASS. Leaders: Carol Hack (777-7893) and Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Carpool at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Hampden and Sheridan, s.w. of May D&F. *
- 11, Sunday. RED ROCKS, MORRISON PARKS. Leaders: Harold and Betty Oliver (936-6902). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Red Rocks Trading Post. 1/2 day trip. Lunch optional.
- 17, Saturday. RIVERSIDE RES., PELICAN TRIP. Leader: Sue Taylor (BLM-work: 234-4988). Carpool at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot, at 7:00 A.M. Meet leader at the Pepper Pod Restaurant at Hudson at 8:00 A.M.* Call trip chairmen for information if needed.
- 18, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RES. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-8530). Meet at west gate at 7:00 A.M. 1/2 day trip. Lunch optional.
- 24, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Fred Hager (238-5582). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Park n Ride, southwest of Hampden and Wadsworth, or at the West Gate at 7:30 A.M. *
- 25, Sunday. GENESEE PARK and FOOTHILLS. Leaders: Don and Jo Shrode (341-1544). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Wheatridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth, south lot. 1/2 day trip. Lunch optional.

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JULY 31, Saturday. FILIUS PARK, ECHO LAKE AND MT. EVANS. Leader: Lynn Wilcoxson (757-7000). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:00 A.M. or meet at Filius Park at 7:30 A.M. *

*BRING LUNCH.

SUBMITTED BY:

Bob Spence (279-4682)
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SPECIAL NOTICE

Second Annual Breeding Bird LATILONG Trip. June 26 and 27. Sponsored by the Colorado Field Ornithologists. Come for either or both days. Plan to be in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Friday evening, June 25. Coordinator is Victor Zervi (1-945-6017) or Peter Ghent (494-1750).

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

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MAY 29-31, Memorial Weekend Trip. Grand Junction Area: Colorado National Monument and Glade Park. (GRJ). Leaders: Mary Fischer, David Galinat, Nyla Kladder, Helen Traylor. Coordinator: Bob Spencer. Observers: Jack Humphreys, Dieter, Alicia, Karl and David Kamm; Duane and Carol Nelson, and Mary Jane Schock. (Mostly clear, wind calm, 50° to 89° F.) (58 species, 591 ind.).

30, Uncompagne Plateau. (UNC). Leaders and observers same as above. (Clear to cloudy with light rain, calm to windy in p.m., 50° to 65° F.). (44 species, 156 individuals).

JUNE 1982 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

JUNE 5, Saturday. Pawnee Grasslands (PGR). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Bill Brockner, Glenna Corey, Bob and Juv Fleming, Mollie Graves, Doris Halamicek, Allen and Dee Hay, Jack Humphries, Jean and Herman Kretschmer, Tim Schowalter, Don and Jo Shrode. (Clear, wind moderate, 60° to 80° F.) 8 hrs.; 80 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (66 species, 730 individuals).

6, Sunday. Idledale Area (IDL). Leaders: Bill and Inez Prather. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Billie and Estes Howe. (Clear, wind calm to 30 mph., 55° to 80° F.). 16 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 6½ hrs. (46 species, 250 individuals, 1 hybrid).

7-9, Mon., Tues., Wed. North Park (NP). Leader: Lyle Jordan. Observers: Peg Hilberg, Hazel Kellogg, Helen Tripp, David Wartner and Ruth Wheeler. High plains: (Clear, wind 20-30 mph, 32° to 59° F.) 145 mi. by car, 2 on foot; 23 hrs. (57 species, 703 individuals). Mountains: (Clear, wind 20-30 mph, 35° to 55° F.) 6 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 4 hrs. (23 species, 93 ind.).

JUNE

- 9-10, Wed., Thurs. Northeast Colorado: Prospect and Ireland Reservoirs; So. Platte River from Wiggins to Sterling when access possible; Jumbo Res., Red Lion Wildlife Area and Tamarac Ranch (NECO). Observers: Doug and Judy Ward. (Clear to partly cloudy, wind moderate to gusting, 60° to 75° F.) 250 mi. by car, 5 mi. on foot; 25 hrs. (93 species, 3043 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. Colorado Springs Area: East Hanna Ranch, Hanover Road, Bacculite Mesa, Manchester Creek Area, Manitou Lake (COSP). Leader: Richard Bunn. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Toni Brevillier, Sally Hartup, Lisa Hardy, Mary Helsaple, Jack Humphries, Freda Krolik, Bob Landgraf; Duane, Carol and Linnea Nelson; June Rynders, Dick and Richard Schottler, Don Shrode, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler, Neal Williams. (Low clouds a.m., partly cloudy with thunderstorms p.m.; mostly calm; 50° to 75° F.) 12 hrs., 190 miles. (87 species, 809 individuals).
- 13, Sunday. Castlewood Canyon and vicinity (CCSP). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: Marg Brockmeyer, Bob and Nancy Buttery, Esther Ditmer, Kathy Hawkins, Akan and Dee Hay, Estes and Billie Howe, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Freda Krolik, Marjorie Roberts, Tim Schowalter, Ruth Wheeler, Irma and Sonny Wolf. (Warm and sunny.) 6 hrs. (47 species, 249 individuals).
- 13, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co., Colorado, to Castlewood Canyon S.P., Castle Rock, Sedalia, Titan Rd. to Waterton, Henry's Lake, Harriman Lake (W. Quincy), Morrison Picnic Grounds, Red Rocks Park, I-70 to I-25 and I-76, Brighton, LaSalle, Latham Res., Ireland Res., Prospect Res., farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 61 & return (East Central Colorado-ECCO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy becoming high overcast; wind variable, 5-10 mph; 51° to 77° F.) 13½ hrs.; 236 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (106 species, 3576 individuals).
- 19, Saturday. Antero Reservoir-South Park (SP). Leader: Charlie Chase. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Kim Norgren (Alamosa), June Rynders, Tim Schowalter and Ruth Wheeler. (Clear a.m., showers p.m.; wind light to brisk; 50° to 65° F.) 15 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 5½ hrs. (34 species, 1468 individuals).
- 20, Sunday. Buffalo Springs (BUF). Leader: Charlie Chase. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Louise Roloff, Tim Schowalter and Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind light; 45° to 65° F.) ½ mi. on foot, 20 mi. by car; 6 hrs. (28 species, 95 ind.).
- 26, Saturday. Perry Park, Larkspur (Douglas County) (PRP). Leader: Jerry Alliger. Observers: Irma Applegren, Ruth Breckon, Lynn Johnson, Keran Keegan, Dorothy Keller, Hazel Kellogg, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Freda Krolik, Floyd Pendell, June Rynders, Bob Thayer, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy, wind 5 mph, 75° F.) 6 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot; 8½ hrs. (43 species, 205 individuals).
- 27, Sunday. Central City-Rollinsville (CEN). Leader: Dr. Bob Cohen (Metro State). Observers: Jerry Alliger, Alan Hay, Lynn Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Vito Tursi and Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy, calm, 55° to 70° F.) 22 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (42 species, 210 individuals). Dr. Cohen has about 430 nest boxes occupied approximately as follows: 275 tree swallows, 3 violet-green swallows, 25 mountain chickadee, 1 white-breasted nuthatch, 40 house wren, 50 mountain bluebird, 3 house sparrow, 1 chipmunk, 1 bumble bee, 30 empty.
- 30, Wednesday. Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). Leader: Warner Reeser. Observers: Louise Augustine (Illinois), Tom and Louise Bein, Margarite

Brockmeyer, Wayne Clark (Arizona); Clay, Linda and Heather Cooper; Dan and Margaret Cornforth, Camille Cummins, Virginia Edens, Warren Finch, Alan and Dee Hay, Karen Howell (Louisiana), Tina Jones, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Freda Krolik, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Ann Means, Glen and Ellen Peterson (Michigan), Ruth Reeser, Dick Schottler, Ralph and Betty Seacrest, John and Gwenth Shlosberg (England), Vito Tursi, Ellen Valentine, Ruth Wheeler, Iva Wilson. (Partly sunny, intermittent showers; wind 0-6 mph; 57 to 64 F.) 25 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 6 hrs. (46 species, 164 individuals).

MAY-JUNE	29-31	30	5	6	7-9	9-10	12	13	13	19	20	26	27	30
AREA	GRJ	UNC	PGR	IDL	NP	NECO	COSP	CC	ECO	SP	BUF	PRP	CEN	RMP
HABITAT	Pg	Mts	Pln	Mts	Pl/Mt	Plns	Pl/Ft	Ft	Pln	Pl	Mts	Mts	Mts	Mts
Horned Grebe			1											
Eared Grebe				40		2			2	1				
Western Grebe			6		2	18			75					
"Clark's" race						2								
Pied-billed Grebe			2		1	1			1					
American White Pelican						115			65					
Double-crested Cormorant						37+			25					
Great Blue Heron						36+		1	7			2		
Green Heron						1								
Cattle Egret					7									
Snowy Egret									2					
Black-crowned Night Heron						5								
Yellow-crowned Night Heron						1a								
White-faced Ibis										1				
Canada Goose				60		87			40	50				
Mallard		1	14	2	20	104	1	1	200	2		1	12	
Gadwall			6		19	4			50	2				
Common Pintail			2		3	24			30	1				
Green-winged Teal					4	1			6	1			2	
Blue-winged Teal			5		10	11	2		25	2				
Cinnamon Teal			2		14	2	1		7					
American Wigeon					10				6					
Northern Shoveler			2		9	3			15	1				
Wood Duck						1m2f								
Redhead					6	1								
Lesser Scaup			10		15									
Ruddy Duck			8		2									
Common Merganser										30				
Turkey Vulture	5						6	8	15					
Red-tailed Hawk	2	3						2		2				1
"Western" race						1	4		1				4	
"Krider's" race						1								
Swainson's Hawk			10		2	5			7	1				
Ferruginous Hawk			3											
Buteo sp.						5								
Golden Eagle	2a31(N)		2	1	3									
Northern Harrier						5			1mlf	1				
Osprey									1					
Prairie Falcon								2a51+	1					
Peregrine Falcon	1													
American Kestrel	2	2	7		3	13	15	2	18	1				

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AREA	GRJ	UNC	PGR	IDL	NP	NECO	COSP	CC	ECO	SP	BUF	PRP	CEN	RMP
HABITAT	P1	Mts	Pln	Mts	Pl/Mt	Plns	Pl/Ft	Ft	Pln	Pl	Mts	Mts	Mts	Mts
Common Bobwhite						21								
Gambel's Quail	7													
Scaled Quail							3							
Ring-necked Pheasant	3		1			15			40					
Virginia Rail									1(H)					
Sora					2					1				
American Coot					20	6			50	7				
American Avocet					15	19			18	4(n)				
Killdeer	2	1	36		8	64	6	3	85	4	1	1	1	
Mountain Plover			8											
Long-billed Curlew			1											
Upland Sandpiper						2								
Lesser Yellowlegs			1											
Willet					4									
Spotted Sandpiper			1			9		2	7					1
Wilson's Phalarope			2		30	6	3		20	8				
Common Snipe					3	2					1			
White-rumped Sandpiper									7					
California Gull						20			15	1200				
										(N)*				
Ring-billed Gull					3	1			20					
Franklin's Gull					6									
Bonaparte's Gull					9									
Forster's Tern					2	4								
Black Tern			10		1	22			25					
Band-tailed Pigeon														2
Rock Dove	10		50	6	12	30	35	2	25			11		
Mourning Dove	18		100	2		150	40	4	12	125				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo						5								
Flammulated Screech Owl								1(n)						
Great Horned Owl			1			1								
Burrowing Owl			4			7	29		2					
Saw-whet Owl														1#
Poor-will								2						
Common Nighthawk	4		23		4	16	1	3		4				
Black Swift														3
Chimney Swift						7								
White-throated Swift	25	6		4					2			4		
Black-chinned Hummingbird	3													
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	2	3		4	4	4		3	4	2	3	6	5	10
Belted Kingfisher					1	3		1				6		
Common Flicker				1	1	1	1	2	2		4,1(n)			
"Yellow-shafted" race						5								
"Red-shafted" race	1	2			2	6			4			1	2	2#
Hybrid						1								
Red-headed Woodpecker						17	2							
Lewis' Woodpecker							4							
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1									1		3	3#
Williamson's Sapsucker		1					3,1(n)							3#
Hairy Woodpecker						2	2		1(H)					1#
Downy Woodpecker			2		1									1#
eastern races						2								

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HABITAT	Pj	Mts	Pln	Mts	Pl/Mt	Plns	Pl/Ft	Ft	Pln	Pl	Mts	Mts	Mts	Mts
Eastern Kingbird	1		15			85	3		4					
Western Kingbird	7		28		1	130	35		35					
Ash-throated Flycatcher	5													
Say's Phoebe	2		3				1					3		
Willow Flycatcher								2		1	1			
Hammond's Flycatcher				1										2
Dusky Flycatcher		1												1#
Gray Flycatcher	3													2
Western Flycatcher			1	2					3					
Empidonax sp.						2		1				1		
Western Pewee		2	3	10				4	3	6			2, 5#	
													1(N)	
Oliver-sided Flycatcher											1			
Horned Lark	50		85		50	70	25	2	1	35	40			
Violet-green Swallow	25	8		20	6	3		2	20	125	3	6	5	6#
Tree Swallow				4	1	1	3	8		2	15	10, 2(N)	40	18#
Bank Swallow							2					2		
Rough-winged Swallow					1	1	21	4	6	2	5			
Barn Swallow	8	4	26	4	3	5	140	35	6	150			4	
Cliff Swallow	5	2	1	10	100		100	40	30	4	50	40		
Gray Jay						2								
Blue Jay							5	1						
Steller's Jay	3			10				3		2		2	2	3
Scrub Jay	6			3				6		4		2		
Black-billed Magpie	10		3	4			8	15	12	60		5	5	
Northern Raven	8	2						2	2	2	1	1	1	3
American Crow					9		2		6	3		1	7	4
Pinyon Jay	130													
Clark's Nutcracker		3									1			1
Black-capped Chickadee						14		4	6			6	2	
Mountain Chickadee	5	5			1			5	6	2		4	1	6, 2
Plain Titmouse	6												2(N)	
Bushtit		4												
White-breasted Nuthatch									1		2			
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1		1									1
Pygmy Nuthatch	1			1				2	6			1		2#
North American Dipper				1	2				1				1	
House Wren		5	1	4		46	2	1pr	12	20	1	2	2, 11#	
													2(N)	
Bewick's Wren		3												
Marsh Wren									10					
Canyon Wren		5		1(H)				1	2(H)					
Rock Wren		3	3	1			2	1	3					
Northern Mockingbird							6		1					
Gray Catbird				1					1			2		
Brown Thrasher						8	1		1					
Curve-billed Thrasher							3							
Sage Thrasher	9						1pr							
American Robin	9	3	3	30	6	13	35	2	15	3	55	1	10	3
Hermit Thrush							1							6
Swainson's Thrush			4	1(H)									1	
Veery								3m						
Western Bluebird		4					1		3					3#

MAY-JUNE AREA HABITAT	29-31 GRJ Pl	30 UNC Mts	5 PGR Pln	6 IDL Mts	7-9 NP Pl/Mt	9-10 NECO Plns	12 COSP Pl/Ft	13 CC Ft	13 ECO Pln	19 SP Pl	20 BUF Mts	26 PRP Mts	27 CEN Mts	30 RMP Mts
Mountain Bluebird	8	4			1 1		15	2	3m		6, 1(N)	2	7	4#
Bluebird sp.			1											
Townsend's Solitaire		3					1							2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	9	4						1						
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		2			4		1				3		2	5#
Water Pipit											2			
Loggerhead Shrike			7			3	1							
European Starling	8	3	3	10		90	30		250				6	5#
Gray Vireo	3													
Solitary Vireo		6						1	3			1		
Warbling Vireo		3		8		9	4		5				2	3#
Virginia's Warbler		2		2					2m					
Yellow Warbler	1		1	6		28	1	1	20				3	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler				1			8							
"Audubon's" race		1									2	1	9	3#
Black-throated Gray Warbler	2	6												
Ovenbird								1						
MacGillivray's Warbler		1					1							4
Common Yellowthroat						26	4		20					
Yellow-breasted Chat		2				2			5					
Wilson's Warbler					7						18		8	2
American Redstart									1m					
House Sparrow	6		7	4		395	20		150				2	
Boblink						2m			1m					
Western Meadowlark	5		50	6		131	45	6	20	300		6		
Yellow-headed Blackbird				80		70			350	13				
Red-winged Blackbird	14		49	2	12	2	232	15	2	6	350	2	10	10
Orchard Oriole							53							
Scott's Oriole	1													
Northern Oriole			1	6										
"Baltimore" race						4								
"Bullock's" race	2					28	3		7			3		
Brewer's Blackbird	52	18		3	5	14	4	25	6	7	2		20	
Great-tailed Grackle							3f, 1m							
Common Grackle			20	15	4		285	20	10	300			1	
Brown-headed Cowbird	4	4	6	1	50		32	10	2	6	25	2	1	6
Western Tanager		4	1	2	1					1	4m		7	2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak							2m							
Black-headed Grosbeak			2	3			1m		2	3m			2	
Blue Grosbeak							1m	3						
Indigo Bunting									2	1				
Lazuli Bunting									8	4m			1	
IndigoXLazuli Bunting					1									
Dickcissel							2m							
Evening Grosbeak								6		1f		1		5#
Cassin's Finch	2	4			4								1	2#
House Finch	8	4		30			8		2	50				2
Brown-capped Rosy Finch					20									
Pine Siskin		4	1	4	1			25	2	4		6	5	4
American Goldfinch			7				12			6		8		
Lesser Goldfinch				7	1				4	16				

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Red Crossbill				5				1					5	
Green-tailed Towhee	1	7		6				1	2			2	1	2
Rufous-sided Towhee		3		6				10	25			25		
"Spotted" race						1								
Brown Towhee			41			11	20		7					
Lark Bunting			1		3			1	3	2			6	
Savannah Sparrow	1		1		1			12	20				2	2
Vesper Sparrow	20		1				10	18	10					
Lark Sparrow	1		1					2						
Cassin's Sparrow														
Black-throated Sparrow	4													
Gray-headed Junco		2		1	2		15		1		1	1	3	6#
Chipping Sparrow	20	5	1				2	6	7			3	2	3#
Brewer's Sparrow	30		3											
White-crowned Sparrow					1						11		2	2
Lincoln's Sparrow			1				3				1			
Song Sparrow	2			2			2	1	1	10	1	1	3	1
McCown's Longspur			25											
TOTAL SPECIES - 197	58	44	66	46	57	23	93	87	47	106	74	28	43	46

ABBREVIATIONS: Pj=pinon-juniper; mts=mountains; pln, plns=plains; ft=foothills; m, ma=males; f, fe=female; i, imm=immature; H=heard only; N=nest found; pr=pair; #=species found nesting.

*"This is the only known nesting colony of California Gulls in Colo. with the exception of a smaller colony at Riverside Reservoir." (Compiler comment).

ADDITIONAL REPORTS FOR JUNE 1982:

Common Loon 6-3 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN).
 Green Heron 6-26 (2) Plum Creek, Chatfield (JR); 6-29 (1) Bear Creek Greenbelt (MJS); 6-16 to 6-18 (?) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DM); "Last Green Heron at Wheatridge seen 6-23." (DN).
 Great Egret 6-22 (1) Valmont Rd. at 95th St., Boulder County (JW).
 Least Bittern 6/16-17 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DM, DN); 6-19 (1 ad.m.) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder County (DW).
 Wood Duck 6-22 (5) Chatfield (HK); 6-26 (1ma) Plum Creek, Chatfield S.P. (JR).
 Hooded Merganser 6-19 (2 fe) Hanna Ranch and Birdsau Rd., El Paso Co. (JA, RB).
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 6-26 (1 ad) Castlewood Canyon (JR).
 Golden Eagle 6-19 (1 ad) Boulder (JR).
 White-tailed Ptarmigan 6-19 (1 fe) Rock Cut, Rocky Mt. Nat. Park (JR).
 Wild Turkey 6-7 (1) South of Bailey (JB).
 Long-billed Curlew 6-19 (1) Pawnee Grasslands (DN).
 Band-tailed Pigeon 6-12 (5) Conifer Mt., west of Conifer (JB).
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo 6-24 (1) Bear Cr. Dam (MJS); 6-26 (1) 869 Milwaukee, Denver (HK); 6-26 (2) Chatfield (JR); 6-29 (1) Bear Cr. Greenbelt (MJS).
 Common Nighthawk 6-2 (620 flying over "in groups of 20-100") 2727 Main, Colo Sprgs.(RB).
 Chimney Swift - "All month, 869 Milwaukee, Denver." (HK).
 Northern three-toed Woodpecker 6-23 (1m) Chicago Lakes Trail, Clear Cr. Co. (AB, BL).
 Willow Flycatcher 6-3 (1) 4450 S. Alton St. (JR).

Brown Thrasher 6-3 (1) 4450 S. Alton St. (JR).
 Sage Thrasher 6-19 (1 pr., 1 juv.) "begging foot from adults." Hanover Rd. Latilong 19 breeding record. (RB, JA).
 Eastern Bluebird 6-5 (1 ma) Crow Valley Park, Pawnee (DN).
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 6-26 (2) Castlewood Canyon (JR).
 Cedar Waxwing 6-23 (3) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN).
 Parula Warbler 6/11, 13, 16 (1 fe with nest) Matthews-Winter Park, Jefferson Co.
 "Nest was deserted after being damaged by weather on 6/17." (DN, DS).
 Chestnut-sided Warbler 6-27 (1 singing ma) Bear Creek Nature Center, El Paso Co. (RB, SB)
 Bobolink 6-26 (4 ma) Winkler Ranch, Douglas Co. (JR).
 Western Meadowlark 6-19 (1) tundra at 12,100 ft., Rock Cut, Rky. Mt. Nat. Park (JR).
 Northern Oriole 6-5 (1 "Baltimore" race, ma.) Hack Ranch, Park Co., 9800 ft. (CH, KH).
 Great-tailed Grackle 6-6 (2 ma., 4 fe.), 6-19 (2 ma., 4 fe.) "one female on nest."
 Hanna Ranch, El Paso Co. Latilong 19 breeding record. (RB).
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 6-1 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN).
 Black-headed Grosbeak 6-16, 17 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DM, DN).
 Blue Grosbeak 6-9 (1 pr.) Chatfield (AB, BL).
 Brown-capped Rosy Finch 6-19 (5) Rock Cut, Rky. Mt. Nat. Park (JR).
 Red Crossbill 6-9 (2 pr., 2 imm.) Chatfield (AB, BL); 6-10, 13-15 (up to 12) 869 Milawukee, Denver (HK); 6-25 (60) Colo. College, Colo. Sprgs (RB, JA).
 Lincoln's Sparrow 6-19 (2) Beaver Meadows, Rky. Mt. Nat. Park (JR).
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Check-list order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month.
Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

CORRECTION: Spring Count Compilation--Sabine's Gull was not sighted on count as indicated. Total species observed should be corrected to 167.

WHEATRIDGE GREENBELT: David Martin and Duane Nelson have compiled a list of bird sightings in the Wheatridge Greenbelt from 1979 to the present. They will provide a copy to any DFO member who will send a large self-addressed, stamped envelope, to: David E. Martin, 9614 W. 56th Place, Arvada, Colorado 80002 (422-9143).

"LIFER'S WANTED LIST": If you are a beginner birdwatcher and would like to know when a particular bird new to your "Life List" is around the Denver area, please send your "wanted list" together with your home address and telephone number to Mildred Snyder at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80011. Please notify Mildred as your list is filled so that she can make the appropriate changes.

CARPOOLING: Mileage expense on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored field trips should be shared. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1982

- AUGUST 1, Sunday. CASTLEWOOD CANYON AND GRASS STUDY SEMINAR. Leader: Paul Rechel (688-6255). Meet at Franktown at 7:30 A.M. Carpool at 6:30 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center (Hampden and So. Logan). Bring lunch for picnic at Herb Jones place. Study of native grasses will start at 10:00 A.M. for those wanting to learn food sources of prairie habitats. *
- 7, Saturday. LOS LAGOS RANCH and EL DORADO. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Wheatridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth, south lot. *
- 8, Sunday. YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN. Get a group together and send your most interesting sightings (with all pertinent data) to the editor.
- 14, BURLAND RANCHETTES and AREA. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest of May-D&F), Sheridan and Hampden (U.S. 285). Also meet at 7:30 A.M. Hilander Inn, Conifer Jct.*
- 15, CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Park 'n Ride, southwest corner of Hampden (U.S. 285) and Wadsworth. $\frac{1}{2}$ day, lunch optional.
- 21, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Carpool at 7:00 A.M., Wheatridge Methodist Church, south lot, 38th and Wadsworth. Meet leader at park headquarters at 9:00 A.M. *
- 22, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader to be announced. Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. *

AUGUST 28, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leaders: Nancy Jones (758-1463) Helen Singer (756-2808). Meet at West Gate at 7:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.

29, Sunday. NORTHEAST COLORADO and JACKSON RESERVOIR. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at Voyager Inn, Chambers Rd. just north of I-70 at 6:30 A.M.* This will be a shorebird trip with possibility of Buff-breasted Sandpiper sightings.

* BRING LUNCH.

Submitted by:

Bob Spencer (279-4682)

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JULY 1982 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- JULY 3, Saturday. Golden Gate State Park, White Ranch (GG). Leaders: Bob and Shirley Spencer. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Glenna Cory, Syd Glick, Lisa Hardy, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Maurice and Trudy Kline, Harold and Betty Oliver, Debbie O'Brien, June Rynders, Don and Jo Shrode and Ruth Wheeler. (Clear, calm, 60° to 85° F). (44 species, 190 individuals).
- 5, Monday. McClellan Reservoir, Highline Canal, Daniels Park, area east of Castlerock (MHD). Leader: Ruth Wheeler, Observers: Lisa Hardy, Hazel Kellogg, Maurice and Trudy Kline, Harold and Betty Oliver, Glenn and Ellen Peterson (Michigan), June Rynders, Don and Jo Shrode, and Bob Spencer. (Clear to light overcast, wind SE at 8-12 mph; 64° to 80° F.). (52 species, 188 individuals).
- 10, Saturday. South Park, Geogia Pass (SP). Leaders: Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Glenna Cory, Bill and Sue Everett, Warren Finch, Lisa Hardy, Clara Hassig, Alan and Dee Hay, Maurice and Trudy Kline, Freda Krolik, Tammy Milligan (Penn.), Glenn and Ellen Peterson (Mich.), June Rynders, Dick Schottler, Tim Schowalter, Judy Schowalter, Don and Jo Shrode, Rea Siffuly, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (50° to 70° F.) 21 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot. (42 species, 370 individuals).

SEPT. 26, Sunday. REYNOLDS PARK, BUFFALO AREA. Leader: Mel Gabel (674-6270).
Carpool at Bear Valley Shopping Center, sw of May D&F, Hampden & Sheridan
at 7:20 a.m. Meet leader at Highlander Inn at Conifer on U.S. 285 at
8:00 a.m. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Lunch suggested.

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- JULY 10, Saturday. Fountain Creek, Hanover Rd., Burnt Mill Rd., Bacculite Mesa (Pueblo), Colorado City and Rye (PB-R). Observers: Duane Nelson and David Martin. (Clear, wind calm, 50° to 90° F.). 12 hrs., 350 miles. (74 species, 2944 individuals).
- 11, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RR). Leaders: Harold and Betty Oliver. Observers: Kathleen Breutsch, Bill Dissmore (Ill.), Lisa Hardy, Clara Hassig, Alan Hay, Dorothy Keller, Glenn and Ellen Peterson (Mich.), Don and Jo Shrode, Rea Siffrig (Mich.). (Clear, wind 0 to 5 mph, 60° to 80° F). 1½ mi. on foot, 2 mi. by car; 5 hrs. (31 species, 279 individuals).
- 17, Saturday. Riverside Reservoir and Empire Reservoir (RE). Leader: Susan Taylor (BLM). Observers: Jerry Alliger, Glenna Corey, Lisa Hardy, Alan and Dee Hay, Bob Jickling, Dr. Ron Ryder, Helen and Audrey (Ft. Collins), June Rynders, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrode, Marion Teele (Ft. Collins), Ruth Wheeler. (Fair, wind 3-12 mph, 60° to 76° F). 5½ hrs.; 140 mi. by car, 1½ mi. on foot. (41 species, 1460 individuals).
- 18, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Lisa Hardy, Alan Hay, Freda Krolik, Don and Jo Shrode. (Sunny, hot; 63° to 89° F). 5 hrs.; 8.4 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (39 species, 401 individuals).
- 24, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CH). Leader: Fred Hager. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Virgil Gore, Lisa Hardy, Alan Hay, Jan Justice, June Rynders. (Clear, wind calm, 70° to 98° F). 6 hrs.; 4 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (55 species, 1083 individuals).
- 24, Saturday. Denver to Boulder, Lyons, Estes Park, Rocky Mt. National Park, Big Thompson Canyon, Loveland, Latham Res., Kersey, Wiggins, Ft. Morgan, Muir Springs, Weldona, Bijou Res., Morgan Co. Rds. U, 3, B; Weld Co. Rds. 4, 73, 8; farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 61; Prospect Res., Cherry Cr. Res. (N.E. Central Colorado - NECC). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; wind: SW 0-10 mph, SE 10-20 mph in p.m.; 68° to 105° F). 351 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot; 14 hrs. (113 species, 6915 individuals). (Due to extent of area covered, species will not be listed as to habitat--Ed.)
- 25, Sunday. Mother Cabrini Shrine area and Genesee Park (GEN). Leaders: Don and Jo Shrode. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Glenna Corey, Virginia Edens, Lisa Hardy, Alan Hay, Freda Krolik, Betty and Harold Oliver. (Clear; wind moderate; 75° to 85° F). 15 mi. by car, ¾ mi. on foot; 5 hrs. (30 species, 143 individuals).
- 30, Friday. Cherry Creek Reservoir, Castlewood Canyon S.P., Winkler Ranch, Castle Rock, I-25 to Pueblo, Colo. Hwy. 96 to Fowler and Ordway; Rocky Ford State Fishing Area, Dye Reservoir, Cheraw, Holbrook Reservoir, La Junta, Colo. Hwy. 194 to Las Animas (S.E. Central Colo. - SECC). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Cloudy to partly cloudy with sky obscured in fog; drizzle and rain in Colo. Springs area; wind SE, 0-10 mph.; 56° to 75° F). 235 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot; 12 hrs. (124 species, 9261 individuals).
- 31, Saturday. Filius Park, Squaw Mt., Echo Lake and Mt. Evans (MELV). Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Jim Burch, Lori Chappell, Glenna Corey, Bertha Durfee, Lisa Hardy, Jack Humphries, Don and Lee Johnson, Freda Krolik, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Nicki Flifer, June Rynders, Ralph and Betty Seacrest, Don and Jo Shrode, Edgar Smith (Va.), Deanie and Ellen Valentine, Ruth Wheeler, Griff Williams (Naples, Italy) and Flavia Zorogniotti. (Clear, calm; winds to 15 mph; 60° to 75° F). 2 mi. on foot, 50 mi. by car; 8½ hrs. (33 species, 1210 individuals).

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Eared Grebe									2		38	
Western Grebe		10				9	1	60	25		300	
"Clark's" race						1						
Pied-billed Grebe							1		1		30	
American White Pelican						1000(N)			75			
Double-crested Cormorant		13				140(N)		48	40			
Great Blue Heron		1				3	8	25	9		35	
Green Heron											1	
Cattle Egret						2						
Snowy Egret						12			3		1	
Black-crowned Night Heron						5			lad		4ad	
Canada Goose		2				50	36	240+	110		8	
Mallard	5	2a, 16i					115	4	50		75	
Gadwall									20		1	
Common Pintail									25			
Green-winged Teal											10	
Blue-winged Teal								3	30		30	
Cinnamon Teal									5		1m	
Northern Shoveler									2		3	
Redhead		4					3		2		40	
Lesser Scaup	1										2	
Ruddy Duck									1		1fe	
Common Merganser		2										
Turkey Vulture			5		1						15	
Mississippi Kite					lad							
Northern Goshawk									lad			
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1									1	
Red-tailed Hawk			2	1		1		1		2		
"Western" race											7	
Swainson's Hawk		1		2		1			8		4	
Ferruginous Hawk									lad		2	
Golden Eagle	2	4(N)			1				lad			
Northern Harrier							1				1fe	
Prairie Falcon			1						1		1	
American Kestrel	2			30		2	2	2	2	1	27	
Common Bobwhite											4	
Ring-necked Pheasant							1		13		1na	
Virginia Rail							1					
Sora				1							1(H)	
American Coot							2	3	2		750	
Black-necked Stilt											4a, 1i	
American Avocet								1	40		5	
Semipalmated Plover											1	
Killdeer		1	3	2		2	19	7	100		30	
Piping Plover											1	
Snowy Plover											15	
Upland Sandpiper						1						
Greater Yellowlegs											2	
Lesser Yellowlegs							1	2	10		14	
Solitary Sandpiper									1		2	

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Willet							1				7	
Spotted Sandpiper							2	3	1			1
Wilson's Phalarope			3					1	11		1500	
Northern Phalarope											200	
Common Snipe			5						1			
Long-billed Dowitcher							1	2	6		10	
Short-billed Dowitcher											$\frac{1}{2}$	
Sanderling											$\frac{1}{2}$	
Semipalmated Sandpiper									1		50	
Western Sandpiper								1	1		200	
Least Sandpiper							2	1	21			
Baird's Sandpiper								12	12		50	
Stilt Sandpiper									5		400	
California Gull						50(N)	6	75	50		20	
Ring-billed Gull		1					42	105	35		110	
Franklin's Gull									500		1000	
Forster's Tern											41	
Black Tern									18		740	
Band-tailed Pigeon												4
Rock Dove	8			20	43	4			30		35	
Mourning Dove	3	6	1	70	7	15	16	12	200	2	325	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				1			1	1	2		2	
Great Horned Owl						1					1	
Burrowing Owl				22			5		1			
Common Nighthawk				4							11	
Black Swift									4			
Chimney Swift				1							2	
White-throated Swift					26							
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	5	3	7	4					12	2	6	2 9
Rufous Hummingbird											1	2
Hummingbird sp.								1				
Belted Kingfisher				3				2	1		3	
Common Flicker		2	6(N)		8					1		
"Yellow-shafted" race						1						
"Red-shafted" race	3			2			6	5	10		6	1
Red-headed Woodpecker				1		3			1		13	
Lewis' Woodpecker				8							6	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2		6(N)						2			3
Williamson's Sapsucker	1								1	1		
Hairy Woodpecker	2(N)					1						
Downy Woodpecker				1	1	2		2				
"Batchelder's" race											1	
Ladder-backed Woodpecker				1								
No. Three-toed Woodpecker			1m, 2f(N)									
Eastern Kingbird				1		3		3	5		7	
Western Kingbird	1	2		8		6a, 51(N)	1	8	125		300	
Cassin's Kingbird				12								
Say's Phoebe				1	2				1		1	
Dusky Flycatcher									1			
Western Flycatcher					4						5	
Western Pewee	3	1	2	2	1			3	3		8	

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Olive-sided Flycatcher			1						1			1
Horned Lark		5	3	15		2	2		2200		10	6
Violet-green Swallow	6		2(N)	4	15				40	7	100	
Tree Swallow			70(N)	6			4		25	1	20	
Bank Swallow									400			
Rough-winged Swallow				2				16			1	
Barn Swallow	8	1	2	20	6	9		25	450		250	
Cliff Swallow	4	2	40	2000+	22	5		70	15		200	
Gray Jay												2
Blue Jay									2		3	
Steller's Jay	2				1				2	1		4
Scrub Jay			2		2	7					2	
Black-billed Magpie		6	7	3	15	15	5	4	17	8	25	
Northern Raven	1									3		1
American Crow			1		3					2	31	5
Clark's Nutcracker			1							2		6
Black-capped Chickadee		6				5	7	6	5	5	6	
Mountain Chickadee	5		6N		6					3	2	8
White-breasted Nuthatch	2				2						2	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch												2
Pygmy Nuthatch	6				5				2		10	5
Brown Creeper												2
House Wren	2	6	1	5N	3	2	3	4	6	15	10	2
Marsh Wren										2		
Canyon Wren						1H					4H	
Rock Wren			2								1	
Northern Mockingbird				5							1	
Gray Catbird					4							
Brown Thrasher				1					1		2	
Curve-billed Thrasher				2							1	
American Robin	14	2	1	25	5	12	1N	5	10	15	4	15
Hermit Thrush				4						4		
Western Bluebird										1m		10
Mountain Bluebird	9		7	10N		1				10	6	1m, 1f
Townsend's Solitaire				2								
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			1									
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			15									1
Water Pipit												4
Loggerhead Shrike				4					2		3	
European Starling		11	2	3	200		4		160+	250	3	360
Solitary Vireo			2N							1		3
Warbling Vireo	3									5		
Virginia's Warbler	1											
Yellow Warbler	2	1		4	1	10	1		3	2		
Yellow-rumped Warbler												
"Audubon's" race	4			6						6	5	4
Grace's Warbler					2							
Common Yellowthroat				4			11	5	20		19	
Yellow-breasted Chat		1		1		4	1	1	5	1	2	
Wilson's Warbler			3									3
House Sparrow				50			30		330		375	
Western Meadowlark	3	7		2	25	3	6	17	11	125	1	75

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Yellow-headed Blackbird						1		1	300		75	
Red-winged Blackbird	7	71	10	251	16	36	12	27	800		600	
Northern Oriole										4a,		
"Bullock's" race	2	51		181		9		4	15	2i(N)	2	
Brewer's Blackbird	5	91	5	6	18				5		4	
Great-tailed Grackle				1m,2f								
Common Grackle		21		1501			7	37	75		100	
Brown-headed Cowbird	2		3	2	2	8			5		15	
Western Tanager	6								1m	2a,3i	1m	
Black-headed Grosbeak		2		1	1			1			2m,1f	
Blue Grosbeak				31				1	1m		3m,1f	
Indigo Bunting								1		1	1m,1f	
Lazuli Bunting	1	11		21	1			3	1m		3m	
Cassin's Finch			14							2		
House Finch	6	11		201	13		29	9	10	10	35	8
Pine Grosbeak			9m									
Brown-capped Rosy Finch												8
Pine Siskin	20		20						25	3	3	1 2
American Goldfinch	4		6		1		11	12	5		15	
Lesser Goldfinch		6		1	14		1	2			7	
Red Crossbill	4											
Green-tailed Towhee		3			1				1	8	1	
Rufous-sided Towhee	2	4	3		4	17		5		15	30	
Brown Towhee				31								
Lark Bunting				301		20			50		2	
Savannah Sparrow			35					1				
Vesper Sparrow	4	21	1						1		30	
Lark Sparrow			3	40		8			8		35	1
Cassin's Sparrow				101								
Black-throated Sparrow				11								
Gray-headed Junco	6		12		2				12	2	2	4
Chipping Sparrow	9	4	2		10				3	6	20	2
Brewer's Sparrow									1			
White-crowned Sparrow			13									8
Lincoln's Sparrow			3						2			3
Song Sparrow	2			101			11	2	6		4	
TOTAL SPECIES - 182	144	92	42	74	31	41	39	55	113	30	124	33

ABBREVIATIONS: Pl=plains; Ft=foothills; Mt=mountains;
a,ad=adult; i=immature; m=male; f=
female; N=species found nesting.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS FOR JULY 1982:

Common Loon 7-10 (2 eclipse plumage) Marston Reservoir (MJS).
American White Pelican 7-27 (12) Lathrop Reservoir (TS).
Green Heron 7/8, 13 (1) Bear Creek Greenbelt (MJS); 7/13-15 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DM, DN)
Snowy Egret 7-3 (1) Latham Res. (JR); 7-17 (1) So. Platt River at Kersey (JDW).
Black-crowned Night Heron 7-27 (1 imm.) Lathrop Res. (TS) "...what made this sighting unique was that the throat and underparts were a fairly bright yellow as was the forehead."
Least Bittern 7-18 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder Co. (JR).
Wood Duck 7-18 (2m) Latham Res. (JR).

Mississippi Kite 7-31 (8 ad) Lamar City Park (JR).
Sharp-shinned Hawk 7-31 (1 ad) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (JR).
Cooper's Hawk 7-3 (1 ad) Colo. National Monument, Grand Junction (JR).
Common Bobwhite 7-18 (10) Muir Springs, Morgan Co.; 7-31 (6) below John Martin Res., Bent Co. (JR).
Scaled Quail 7-31 (2) Two Buttes Res., Baca Co. (JR).
Gambel's Quail 7-4 (4) Colo. National Monument (JR).
Marbled Godwit 7-1 (1) Cherry Creek Rec. Area (JR); 7-5 (1) Chatfield State Park (EGP,JS); 7-18 (1) Latham Res., 7-18 (6) Cherry Creek R.A. (JR).
Lesser Yellowlegs 7-18 (1) Prospect Res. (JR).
Willet 7-5 (10) Chatfield State Park (ELP,JS).
Northern Phalarope 7-18 (2 fe, breeding plumage) Prospect Res. (JR).
Semipalmated Sandpiper 7-18 (1) Latham Res. (JR).
Western Sandpiper 7-18 (2) Latham Res. (JR).
Least Sandpiper 7-18 (3) Latham Res.; 7-18 (3) Prospect Res. (JR).
Stilt Sandpiper 7-18 (1) Prospect Res. (JR).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 7-18 (2) Muir Springs, Morgan Co.; 7-31 (1) Two Buttes Res., Baca Co. (JR).
Greater Roadrunner 7-31 (1) Baca Co. Roads M and 3.1; 7-31 (1) Cottonwood Canyon (JR).
Chimney Swift 7-31 (20) 869 Milwaukee, Denver (HK).
Black-chinned Hummingbird 7-4 (2) Colo. National Monument (JR).
Rufous Hummingbird 7-10 (1); 7-18 (3) Hack Ranch (CFH,KH).
Calliope Hummingbird 7-10 (1) Hack Ranch (CFH,KH).
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 7-31 (1 fe) Two Buttes Res. (JR).
Ash-throated Flycatcher 7-18 (1) Crow Valley CG, Pawnee Grasslands (DW). New to Latilong #5.
Eastern Phoebe 7-31 (1 imm) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (JR).
Gray Flycatcher 7-4 (2 ad, "feeding a nearly fledged cowbird...") near Glade Park, Mesa Co. (JR).
White-necked Raven 7-31 (2) U.S. Hwy. 60 at Baca Co. Rd. Y; 7-31 (6) Baca Co. Rds. M at 3.1 (JR).
Mountain Chickadee 7/8-9 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DM).
Bushtit 7-4 (6) Colo. National Monument (JR).
Bewick's Wren 7-31 (1) Two Buttes Res. (JR).
Curve-billed Thrasher 7-31 (1) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (JR).
Sage Thrasher 7-4 (1) Glade Park, Mesa Co. (JR).
Golden-crowned Kinglet 7-13 (5) Booth Lake Trail, Gore Range (BR).
Gray Vireo 7-4 (5) Colo. National Monument (JR).
Red-eyed Vireo 6-16 to 7-20 (1 pair, nested and fledged young) Golden (AB).
Orchard Oriole 7-18 (1m, 1f) Muir Springs; 7-13 (1 f) Two Buttes Res. (JR).
Blue Grosbeak 7-11 (1 m) 75th and Valmont Rd., Boulder Co. (DW); 7-17 (1 imm) So. Platt River at Keensberg (JDW).
Indigo Bunting 7-31 (1m) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (JR).
Cassin's Sparrow 7-31 (1) Two Buttes, Baca Co. (JR).
Lincoln's Sparrow 7-10 (1) near Vail along Gore Creek (TS).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by field trip leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.

2. Individual reports must be in check-list order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
 3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.
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NOTICES AND REMINDERS

CORRECTION: The following participants were inadvertently omitted as observers on the May 29-31 field trip to the Grand Junction Area: Freda Krolik, Hazel Kellogg, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler.

REMINDER: The regular monthly meetings of the Denver Field Ornithologists will resume in September. Announcement of the program will appear in the September newsletter.

ATTENTION FIELD TRIP LEADERS: When submitting reports please include all pertinent data: exact location, observers in alphabetical order, weather, distance covered, time in field, number of species, number of individuals.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED: If you would be interested in leading a field trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

DON'T FORGET TO CARPOOL: Mileage expense on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored field trips should be shared. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

"LIFER'S WANTED LIST": If you are a beginner birdwatcher and would like to know when a particular bird new to your "Life List" is around the Denver area, please send your "wanted list" together with your home address and telephone number to Mildred Snyder at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80011. Please notify Mildred as your list is filled so that she can make the appropriate changes.

"BIRDER'S GUIDE": Copies of a "Birder's Guide to Eastern Colorado" will be available at regular monthly meetings. Forty percent of all sales made to DFO members will be turned over to our treasury.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1982

SEPT. 4, Saturday. RIGLI RANCH - PRAIRIE AREA. Leader: Joe Rigli. Coordinator: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot, or meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Pepperpod Restaurant in Hudson. *

5, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.

6, Monday. CHATFIELD ARBORETUM (sponsored by Denver Botanical Gardens) - DEER CREEK AREA. Leader: Bobby Auschfahl (798-0552). Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May-D&F, Hampden & Sheridan. Trip ends soon after lunch. *

11-12, Saturday and Sunday. ANNUAL FALL COUNT. Hugh Kingery, Coordinator (333-0161).

Saturday, September 11

RED ROCKS	6:30 a.m.	Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at Trading Post, Red Rocks Park.
BEAR CREEK	7:00 a.m.	Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Ctr., May-D&F, Sheridan & U.S. 285
CHATFIELD	7:00 a.m.	Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center, May-D&F, Sheridan & U.S. 285.
WATERTON	6:30 a.m.	Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at Park & Ride, U.S. 285 and S. Wadsworth, SW quadrant.

Sunday, September 12

BARR LAKE	6:30 a.m.	Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at Barr Lake entrance station on east side of park. Strenuous, 8-10 mile all-day hike.
BARR PERIMERY	6:30 a.m.	Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at Picadilly road and Bromley Lane.
CHERRY CR. RES.	7:00 a.m.	Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at west gate.
CASTLEWOOD CANYON	7:30 a.m.	Paul Rechel (688-6255). Meet at Texaco station in Franktown.
EVERGREEN	7:00 a.m.	Bill Brockner (674-4851). Meet at Public Service Company parking lot.

LEADERS: Please send your lists to CAROL HACK, 1034 South Steele, Denver, Colorado 80209.

18, Saturday. WHEATRIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Dave Martin (422-9143). Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Prospect Park on 44th near Robb Street. *

19, Sunday. WINDSOR LAKE - FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY. Leaders: Don and Jo Shrode (341-1544). Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Mortuary on Quebec. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.

25, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Postal Station in the lot east of King Soopers at Crossroads Shopping Center. Carpool at 7:15 a.m. at Wheatridge Methodist Church, south lot, 38th Ave. & Wadsworth. *



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NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 1982

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Charles Chase, Curator, Denver Museum of Natural History

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AUGUST 1982 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- AUGUST 1, Sunday. Castlewood Canyon and Vicinity (CAS). Leader: Paul Rechel.
Observers: David and Gail Ebel, Syd Glick, Lisa Hardy, Kathy Hirst, Eileen McGinn, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear and sunny, 85° F.). 8 hrs. (40 species, 216 individuals).
- 7, Saturday. Coal Creek, Los Lagos Ranch, Nederland (CLN). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Jack and Ethyl Humphries, Maurice and Trudy Kline, Freda Krolik, John Leonard, Roland and Donna Olderogg, Dick Pautsch, June Rynders, Dick Schottler, Don and Jo Shrode, Flavia Zorogniotti. (Clear, wind calm, 70° to 85° F.). 45 mi., 7 hrs. (32 species, 116 individuals).
- 14, Saturday. Hilander Inn, Burland Ranchettes, Westland Lakes (HBW). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Virgil Gore, Alan and Dee Ray, Morey and Trudy Kline, Freda Krolik, Floyd Pendell, June Rynders, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrode. (Partly cloudy to cloudy, showers; wind calm; 65° to 75° F.). 40 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot; 5 hrs. (34 species, 197 individuals).

- AUGUST 14, Saturday. Denver to Prewitt Res. via I-76, Fort Morgan, Muir Springs, Weldona, Orchard, Kersey, Latham Res., Ireland Res., farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6 and 61, Prospect Res. and Cherry Creek Res. (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy at Denver; dense fog from Keenesburg to Brush; clearing by mid-morning; wind W, 5-10 mph; 63° to 88° F.). 288 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot; 12½ hrs. (89 species, 4725 individuals).
- 15, Sunday. Chatfield State Recreation Area (CHAT). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Warren Finch, Syd Glick, Al Hay, Dr. Hiroshi Naito (Ibaraki, Japan). (Clear, becoming partly cloudy; wind calm; 65° to 85° F.). 6 hrs. (49 species, 602 individuals).
- 21, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Emory Froelich (Houston, Tx), Syd Glick, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Don and Lee Johnson; Maurice, Trudy and April Kline, Freda Krolik, Dick Pautsch, June Rynders, Betty Seacrest, Don and Jo Shrode, Eleanor Sieg (Tulsa) Ellen Valentine, Ruth Wheeler, June Wilson (Tulsa). (Clear to overcast, rain showers; wind W, 0-15 mph; 55° to 80° F.). 38 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 8½ hrs. (46 species, 233 individuals).
- 22, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park, Mile High Duck Club, Vail Res., pond at I-76 and Baseline Rd., Ireland Res., Banner Lakes, Prospect Res. (BARR). Leader: Doug Ward. Observers: Kate Kittleman, Don and Jo Shrode. (Clear to partly cloudy, wind calm, 79° to 85° F.). 55 mi. by car, 2 mi. on ft.; 7 hrs. (62 species, 4956 individuals).
- 28, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leaders: Nancy Jones and Helen Singer. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Virgil Gore, Ethel and Jack Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Trudy and Morey Kline, June Rynders, Tim Schowalter, Don and Jo Shrode, Bette Turner, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear, calm, 60° to 80° F.). 10 mi. by car, 3 mi. on ft.; 5 hrs. (28 species, 406 ind.).
- 29, Sunday. Denver to Rocky Mountain Arsenal (along Buckley Rd.), Bromley Lane to Prospect Res., farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds 6 and 61; Kersey Rd. to Latham Res., LaSalle, U.S. Hwy. 34 to Kersey and Wiggins; Bijou Res., Muir Springs Park (NECO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Winston William Brockner, Lorraine Chappell, Glenna Corey, Warren Finch, Bob and June Fleming, Alan Hay, Bob Jickling, Don and Lee Johnson, Frank and Jan Justice, Dieter Kamm, Kate Kittleman, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Ken LaBorde, David Martin, Don and Diane Mullineaux, Duane Nelson, Dick Pautsch, Dick Schottler, Don and Jo Shrode. (Mostly clear in morning becoming partly cloudy in afternoon; wind SW, 0-10 mph; 58° to 90° F.). 232 mi. by car, 2 mi. on ft.; 11 hrs. (91 species, 5113 individuals).

AUGUST	1	7	14	14	15	21	22	28	29
AREA	CAS	CLN	HBW	NECO	CHAT	RMNP	BARR	CCRA	NECO
HABITAT	Eth	Eth-Mt	Mt	Plns	Plns	Mts	Plns	Plns	Plns
Western Grebe				300	20		130		375
"Clark's" form							20		
Pied-billed Grebe				1	2		2		2
American White Pelican				250			135		325
Double-crested Cormorant				2	200		30		400
Great Blue Heron				13	8		16	13	35
Cattle Egret				5					75
Snowy Egret				4			12		8
Black-crowned Night Heron				1 ad				2	2 imm
Canada Goose				52			319	62	20
Mallard	4	2a, 41		50	11	1	120	34	50
Gadwall				20				7	
Common Pintail				40			65		65
Green-winged Teal				2			9		
Blue-winged Teal				10	2				200

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	1 CAS Fth	7 CLN Ft-Mt	14 HBW Mt	14 NECO Plns	15 CHAT Plns	21 RMNP Mts	22 BARR Plns	28 CCRA Plns	29 NECO Plns
Cinnamon Teal				8					2
Blue-winged Teal species				50			42		
Northern Shoveler				2			1		1
Wood Duck					10				
Redhead					1				
Duck species							900		
Turkey Vulture	16		4				1		
Red-tailed Hawk	1		2			1			
"Western" Race				11					1ad
Swainson's Hawk	1			13	2		8		10a, 2imm
Ferruginous Hawk							3		
Northern Harrier				1fe			1	1	1f, 1imm
Prairie Falcon	1								
American Kestrel	2			12	3		6		15
Common Bobwhite				20h					
Ring-necked Pheasant								6	3
Virginia Rail				1h			2h		
Sora				1h			2h		
American Coot				5	2		300		60
American Avocet				55			19		17
Killdeer	2			225	2		162	6	105
<u>Black-bellied Plover</u>				1					
Long-billed Curlew							1		
Greater Yellowlegs				4			15		1
Lesser Yellowlegs				44			4		13
Solitary Sandpiper				2					7
Spotted Sandpiper		1a, 21		1	1		1		1
Wilson's Phalarope				10			27		6
Northern Phalarope									5
Common Snipe									2
Long-billed Dowitcher				30			19		6
<u>Short-billed Dowitcher*</u>				1					
Sanderling									3
Semipalmated Sandpiper							10		1
Western Sandpiper				2					5
Least Sandpiper				49			5		75
Baird's Sandpiper				20			53		80
Stilt Sandpiper									1
California Gull				1	25		15		30
Ring-billed Gull				115	80		20	152	275
Franklin's Gull				1500			1570		200
Gull sp.							100		
Forster's Tern				10	1				3
Black Tern				39				2	2
Band-tailed Pigeon		30	30						
Rock Dove	12			50			2	9	75
Mourning Dove	10		3	175	9		57	12	500
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				1					2
<u>Black-billed Cuckoo</u>				1					
Great Horned Owl					1				1
Burrowing Owl				2				5	8
Common Nighthawk		4							
Chimney Swift									1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	4	15	14			11			
Rufous Hummingbird		3	1						

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	1 CAS Fth	7 CLN Ft-Mt	14 HBW Mt	14 NECO Plns	15 CHAT Plns	21 RMNP Mts	22 BARR Plns	28 CCRA Plns	29 NECO Plns
Belted Kingfisher			2	3	2	1			1
Common Flicker						4		6	
"Yellow-shafted" race				1					
"Red-shafted" race	2	3	1	5	3	6			1
Hybrid							1		
Red-headed Woodpecker				9					2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker						2a,11			
Williamson's Sapsucker		1							
Downy Woodpecker			1		3	2			
eastern races				1fe			3		1fe
Eastern Kingbird				22	7		9		5
Western Kingbird	1	1	1	60			18	1	150
Say's Phoebe									2
Willow Flycatcher									1
Western Flycatcher	1	4				1			
Empidonax sp.		3					1		
Western Pewee	2	2	5	1	4	14	2	2	8
Olive-sided Flycatcher				1		1			1
Horned Lark	6			3	2	8	12	17	30
Violet-green Swallow	30	5	30			33			
Tree Swallow					3	4			
Bank Swallow				200					77
Rough-winged Swallow				15	1		2		1
Barn Swallow	4	4		210	15	6	95		500
Cliff Swallow	12		1	50	20				15
Gray Jay						3			
Blue Jay				5					7
Steller's Jay		2	8			5			
Scrub Jay	2								
Black-billed Magpie	6		4	55	8	6	20	4	35
Northern Raven						2			
American Crow	4	1	2		2				
Clark's Nutcracker		1				4			
Black-capped Chickadee	4			20	10		10	4	10
Mountain Chickadee			4			7			
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	1							
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1			1
Pygmy Nuthatch		6	1			1			
North American Dipper		1	1						
House Wren	2	1	4	25	6	11	3	1	4
Marsh Wren				2					
Canyon Wren	1								
Rock Wren	1								
Brown Thrasher				2					5
American Robin	6	9	3	10	9	8		3	5
Western Bluebird	2								
Mountain Bluebird	6		5			8			
Townsend's Solitaire						1			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1a,11			
Water Pipit						7			
Cedar Waxwing									11mm
Loggerhead Shrike				2			1		2
European Starling				200	50			3	300
Solitary Vireo	1	3				1			

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Warbling Vireo						4	1		
Orange-crowned Warbler					2				
Virginia's Warbler		1							
Yellow Warbler				3	11	1	12		
Yellow-rumped Warbler									
"Audubon's" race			1			3			
Townsend's Warbler									1imm
MacGillivray's Warbler				1ma					1fe
Common Yellowthroat				3ma				4	2
Yellow-breasted Chat				3	3				
Wilson's Warbler			1	1ma		4			3
American Redstart				1ma					1m,1f
House Sparrow				400			445		600
Western Meadowlark	12			15	2		2	15	100
Yellow-headed Blackbird				10	1		4		30
Red-winged Blackbird	10			50	16		19	12	10
Orchard Oriole				1fe					2fe
Northern Oriole									
"Bullock's" race	1			45	1		1		2
Brewer's Blackbird			1		12	2			4
Common Grackle				25			45		10
Brown-headed Cowbird						61			61mm
Western Tanager		1	2		1	1f,11	1		
Blue Grosbeak				1m,2f	2				
Lazuli Bunting	2	1		1m	1				
Evening Grosbeak			10						
Cassin's Finch			1			3			
House Finch	6			4	5			7	6
Brown-capped Rosy Finch						3			
Pine Siskin	4	10	25			10			
American Goldfinch				17	17	6	15	14	20
Lesser Goldfinch	2					2			
Green-tailed Towhee									
Rufous-sided Towhee	8	1							
Lark Bunting				1			28		3
Savannah Sparrow									1
Vesper Sparrow	20		1						
Lark Sparrow				35	1		5		5
Gray-headed Junco		3	2			4			
Chipping Sparrow	4	3	3	2	2	3	16		
Brewer's Sparrow						6			
White-crowned Sparrow						4			
Lincoln's Sparrow			1			1			
Song Sparrow		2	2					2	
TOTAL SPECIES - 157	40	32	34	89	49	46	62	28	91

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=m,ma; female=f,fe; adult=a,ad; immature=i,imm; plains=plns; foothills=fth; mountains=mt; heard only=h.

*Subject to approval of Records Committee.

ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1982 REPORTS:

Common Loon 8-7 (2) and 8-21(1) Marston Res. (MJS); 8-22 (1) Antero Res., Park Co. (RB).
Western Grebe 8-22 (2 "Clark's" form) Antero Res., Park Co. (RB).
Snowy Egret 8-29 (30) pond at I-76 and Baseline Rd. (DJW).
Broad-winged Hawk 8-6 (1 ad) 1041 Field St., Lakewood (JJC). (Well described. Ed.)
Ferruginous Hawk 8-21 (3 including 1 melanistic) Rky. Mt. Arsenal (JR).
Blue Grouse 8-5 (4) Cossater Dam, Boulder Co. (MJS).
Snowy Plover 8-1 (6) Blue Lake, Bent Co. (JR); 8-22 (1) Antero Res. (RB).
Semi-palmated Plover 8-21 (1) Barr Lake; 8-21 (1) Bijou Res., Morgan Co. (JR).
Black-bellied Plover 8-22 (3, breeding plumage) Antero Res. (RB).
Marbled Godwit 8-21 (2) Barr Lake (JR).
Willet 8-1 (6) Blue Lake, Bent Co. (JR).
White-rumped Sandpiper 8-22 (3) Antero Res. (RB).
Bonaparte's Gull 8-22 (2 winter plumage) Antero Res. (RB).
Band-tailed Pigeon 8-16 (6) Avon, Colo. (BR).
Poorwill 8-5 (1) Cossater Dam, Boulder Co. (MJS); 8-28 (2) Castlewood Canyon (PR);
8-28 (1) Parker, Co. (TG).
Black Swift 8-15 (15 to 25) Hanging Lake, Deadhorse Creek, near Glenwood Springs
(DM, DN). Martin states he had read an article by _____ Knorr in the Wilson Bulletin
(June, 1961) regarding discovery of a colony of Black Swifts in this area and he
decided to investigate. The birds were seen mostly at the lake near the waterfall.
Lewis' Woodpecker 8-1 (1) Los Animas (JR).
Purple Martin 8-7 (2m, 2f) South Fork of the White River, 10 mi. southeast of Buford
(DJW).
Sage Thrasher 8-24 (1) Bear Cr. Dam (MJS).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 8-28 (1) Castlewood Canyon (PR); 8-30 (1) Alameda at the
hogback (MJS).
Ovenbird 8-28 (2) Chatfield State Park (FJ).
Dickcissel 8-1 (1 ma) Colo. Hwy. 266 at mile post 9, Otero Co. (JR).
Fox Sparrow 8-1 (2) Buckhorn Gulch, Larimer Co. (BJ).

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(MJS), Doug and Judy Ward (DJW).

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

RARE BIRD ALERT: The Board of Directors of DFO recently approved acquisition of a "rare
bird alert system" which would include a receiver and transmitter allowing users to call
in sightings and to receive information on rare birds in the area. Initial installation
costs are estimated to be several hundred dollars. Donations, which would be tax
deductible, to help with this expense may be made to the Treasurer, Robert Righter,
payable to the Denver Field Ornithologists.

ASSISTANCE SOUGHT: If any member has access to a word processor, please contact Warren
Finch (233-3372). Its use would facilitate keeping our membership list up to date.

NOTE OF THANKS

CICELY MELLOR thanks DFO and all the members who sent cards and notes
following her recent hospitalization.

(We hope your recovery is a speedy one, Cicely.)

We regret to inform our membership of the death of June Williamson on August 29, 1982. "She had been ill for several years, but looked forward to birding with Helen Singer and me as often as possible. Our birding memories are enriched by having had her with us. Nancy Jones."

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 1982

- OCT. 2, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet leader at the west gate at 7:00 A.M. *
- 3, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Fred Hager (238-5582). Meet at the Park 'n Ride, southwest corner of Wadsworth & Hampden at 7:30 A.M. or at the west entrance at 8:00 A.M. *
- 9, Saturday. GOLDEN, GOLDEN GATE and WHITE RANCH. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Lion's Park, end of 10th Ave. in Golden. FALL COLOR. *
- 10, Sunday. ROXBOROUGH PARK. Guide: Kris Joy. Coordinator: Ann Bonnell (979-6211). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (U.S. 285 & So. Logan) at 7:15 A.M. or at 8:00 A.M. at Rampart Road & Roxborough Road. Long pants, sturdy shoes or boots required. Bring water. Lunch afterward at Chatfield.
- 16, Saturday. WHEATRIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Duane Nelson (420-9770). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Prospect Park on 44th at about Robb St. *
- 17, Sunday. BEAR CREEK PARK. Leader: Merwin Tarry (237-8692). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May-D&F, Sheridan and Hampden at 7:30 A.M. *
- 23, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. *
- 24, Sunday. RED ROCKS PARK and vicinity. Leader: Dieter Kemm (697-9681). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Trading Post in Red Rocks Park. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 30-31, Saturday-Sunday (Overnight). PUEBLO AREA. Leader: Dave Griffiths (1-584-3859). Meet leader at the Ramada Inn at 8:00 A.M. in Pueblo (U.S. 50 East) near I-25. Bring lunch for Saturday. There is a Super 8 Motel on U.S. 50 West of I-25 (1-535-4104). Okay to come for Saturday only if you wish. Different areas and ecology each day.

* BRING LUNCH.

Submitted by:

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 26, 1982

HERONRIES: Barr Lake and City Park--Bob Rozinski and Bill Loessberg;
Chatfield Dam--Hugh Kingery

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SEPTEMBER 1982 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- SEPT. 4, Saturday. Rigli Ranch-Prairie Area (RIG). Leader: Joseph Rigli.
Observers: Jerald Alliger, Ruth Breckon, Winston Brockner, Syd Glick,
Don and Lee Johnson, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Freda Krolik, John Leonard,
Jack Reddall, Anne Reitzer, June Rynders, Don and Jo Shrode, David Suits,
Ruth Wheeler, Cal Wichern. (Cloudy in a.m., clear in p.m.; wind 0-10 mph;
70° to 90° F.). 15 mi. by car, 5 mi. on foot. (43 species, 358 individ.).
- 6, Monday. Chatfield Arboretum-Deer Creek (DRCR). Leader: Bobby Auschfahl.
Observers: Ann Bonnell, Lori Chappel, Glenna Cory, Ruby Ebright, Hazel
Kellogg, Jean and Herman Kretschmer, Barbara Livingston, Ann Reitzer, June
Rynders, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler, Cal Wichern.
(Clear, sunny, calm; 57° to 80° F.). 26 mi. by car, 2½ mi. on foot; 5 hrs.
(32 species, 286 individuals).
- 11-12, Saturday and Sunday. ANNUAL FALL COUNT. Coordinator: Hugh Kingery.
Compiler: Carol Hack. (See supplement).

- SEPT. 18, Saturday. Wheatridge Greenbelt (WHG). Leader: David E. Martin.
Observers: Irma Appelgren, Marguerite Brockmeyer, JoAnn Bushnell, Glenna Corey, Virginia Edens, Ethyl and Jack Humphries, Maurice and Trudy Kline, Thompson and Susan Marsh, June Rynders, Don and Jo Shrode, Robert Spencer. (Partly cloudy; calm; 50° to 75° F.). 3.5 mi. on foot, 2 mi. by car; 7 hrs. (42 species, 631 individuals).
- 19, Sunday. Windsor Lake-Fairmont Cemetery (WIN). Leaders: Don and Jo Shrode.
Observers: Herman Kretschmer, John Leonard, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Marjorie Roberts. (Partly overcast becoming clear; wind calm; 58° to 68° F.) 4 mi. on foot; 4 hrs. (36 species, 365 individuals).
- 25, Saturday. Boulder Area: entrance to Gregory Canyon; Baseline, Gaynor and Union Reservoirs; grasslands and fields, eastern Boulder County (BOLD).
Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: JoAnn Bushnell, Glenna Corey, Alan Hays, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Don and Lee Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Jean and Herman Kretschmer, Freda Krolik, June Rynders, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Ellen Valentine, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy, wind 0-5 mph, 52° to 63° F.). 67 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot; 8½ hrs. (71 species, 2552 individuals).
- 26, Sunday. Reynolds Park, South Platte River (REY). Leader: Mel Gabel.
Observer: Alan Hay. (Cloudy; calm; 50° to 70° F.). 18 mi. by car, 3½ mi. on foot. (23 species, 195 individuals).

SEPTEMBER	4	6	18	19	25	26	
AREA	RIG	DRCR	WHG	WIN	BOLD	REY	
HABITAT	Plns	Fthl	Plns	Plns	Fth/Pln	Fthl	
Horned Grebe				1	7		
Western Grebe				2	600		
Pied-billed Grebe			9	8	24		
American White Pelican					53		
Double-crested Cormorant					3		
Great Blue Heron		1	1		20		
Green Heron			1				
Great Egret					5		
Snowy Egret					3		
Black-crowned Night Heron			1a, 1m				
Canada Goose			26	8	22		
Mallard			16	8	8		
Gadwall			6		4		
Common Pintail					8		
Green-winged Teal					2		
Blue-winged Teal					10		
American Wigeon			20	2	80		
Redhead				1	12		
Ring-necked Duck			1		40		
Lesser Scaup					6		
Red-breasted Merganser (early)					3		
Turkey Vulture					2		
Sharp-shinned Hawk				2			
Cooper's Hawk					1		
Red-tailed Hawk			1		1		
Swainson's Hawk	8			1	2		
Ferruginous Hawk	1						
Buteo species					1		
Northern Harrier	2				3		
Prairie Falcon	1						
American Kestrel	1	1	1	1	8		

SEPTEMBER AREA HABITAT	4 RIG Plns	6 DRGR Fthl	18 WHG Plns	19 WIN Plns	25 BOLD Fth/Plns	26 REY Fthl
Ring-necked Pheasant	24				2	
Virginia Rail			2h			
American Coot			3	12	350	
American Avocet					6	
Killdeer	14		3		36	
Lesser Yellowlegs					8	
Willet					3	
Wilson's Phalarope					14	
Northern Phalarope					6	
Common Snipe					6	
Least Sandpiper					12	
California Gull			8	6	4	
Ring-billed Gull			40	14	58	
Franklin's Gull			250		330	
Forster's Tern				1	9	
Band-tailed Pigeon		27				
Rock Dove	2	4	32		25	40
Mourning Dove	18	5	4	12	2	2
Barn Owl	2					
Great Horned Owl	1					1
Burrowing Owl	1					
White-throated Swift					15	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1	2				
Belted Kingfisher			2	2		2
Common Flicker			11			
"Red-shafted" race		7		14	5	4
Hairy Woodpecker						4
Downy Woodpecker	2	1	1m		1	3
Eastern Kingbird	1					6
Western Kingbird	1	4		1		
Say's Phoebe	2					
Willow Flycatcher			1			
Hammond's Flycatcher	1					
Dusky Flycatcher	2					
Empidonax species	2					
Western Pewee	11	1	1			
Olive-sided Flycatcher	2					
Horned Lark	20+					
Violet-green Swallow		100	1		4	
Rough-winged Swallow		2				
Barn Swallow	14	60	30	4	6	20
Cliff Swallow		4				
Blue Jay			2	2	2	4
Steller's Jay		1			6	
Scrub Jay		5				9
Black-billed Magpie	9	7	15	26	4	8
Northern Raven						5
American Crow						3
Black-capped Chickadee	1	5	2		2	2
Mountain Chickadee		1			3	6
White-breasted Nuthatch						1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3					
Pgymy Nuthatch						2

SEPTEMBER AREA HABITAT	4 RIG Plns	6 DRCR Fthl	18 WHG Plns	19 WIN Plns	25 BOLD Fth/Plns	26 REY Fthl
Brown Creeper						1
North American Dipper						1
House Wren	2	1			1	
Canyon Wren		1				
Rock Wren				1		
Northern Mockingbird	1					
Sage Thrasher	1					
American Robin		16	2	2	4	39
Townsend's Solitaire						31
Loggerhead Shrike	7					
European Starling	3		50	20	15 40	
Red-eyed Vireo			2			
* Philadelphia Vireo				1		
Orange-crowned Warbler					1	
Virginia's Warbler		3				
Yellow Warbler	2	1		2		
Yellow-rumped Warbler				1		
"Audubon's" race						5
Blackpoll Warbler	1					
MacGillivray's Warbler			1	5		
Yellow-breasted Chat		1				
Wilson's Warbler	1		6	2	1	2
House Sparrow	30		2		30	
Western Meadowlark	15	2			15	
Yellow-headed Blackbird			4		20	
Red-winged Blackbird			4	2	65	
Brewer's Blackbird			4		400	
Common Grackle			6	14		
Brown-headed Cowbird	2					
Black-headed Grosbeak		3				
Blue Grosbeak	3imm	2imm				
Evening Grosbeak		1			2	
House Finch		10	40	75	5 6	
Pine Siskin						3
American Goldfinch			12	2		
Lesser Goldfinch					5	
Green-tailed Towhee					1	2
Rufous-sided Towhee		3			2	2
Lark Bunting	100+	1				
Lark Sparrow	2					
Grey-headed Junco						37
Chipping Sparrow		1		100		30
Clay-colored Sparrow	1					
Brewer's Sparrow	12					
White-crowned Sparrow					6imm	
Song Sparrow			6			1
TOTAL SPECIES - 126	40	32	42	36	71	23

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=m,ma; female=f,fe; adult=a, ad;
immature=i,imm; plains=plns; foothills=fthl;
heard only=h.

* No details submitted; sighting subject to
approval of records committee.

LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT

1982 FALL COUNT

SEPTEMBER 11 and 12, 1982

CAROL HACK, COMPILER

SEPTEMBER 11:

RED ROCKS PARK (RRPK). LEADER: BOB SPENCER. OBSERVERS: HENRY & VI BOSSMAN.
(CLOUDY, OVERCAST, RAIN & FOG, 51°-55°F, WIND 5-15 MPH) 3 HOURS, 3 MILES.
(15 SPECIES, 162 INDIVIDUALS).

BEAR CREEK - B.C. DAM LAKE PARK & HENRY LAKE (BEAR). LEADER: MARY JANE SCHOCK.
OBSERVERS: PATTY ECHELMAYER, MONA HILL, INEZ, BILL, KEA, & JOHN PRATHER,
JUNE RYNDERS, JO & DON SHRODE. (CLOUDY, RAIN FOR 4 HOURS, 61°-58°F)
7 HOURS, 30 MILES BY CAR, 4 MILES BY FOOT (59 SPECIES, 734 INDIVIDUALS).

CHATFIELD (CHAT). LEADERS: FRANK & JAN JUSTICE. OBSERVERS: IRMA
APPELGREN, LORI CHAPPELL, ESTES & BILLIE HOWE. (OVERCAST, BLOWING
RAIN, 61°-51°F, MODERATE WIND) 4 HOURS, 10 MILES BY CAR, 1 MILE BY FOOT
(47 SPECIES, 658 INDIVIDUALS).

WATERTON (WTRN). LEADER: HUGH KINGERY. OBSERVERS: DAVID DOMINICK,
VIRGINIA EDENS, VIRGIL GORE, ALAN HAY, JOHN LEONARD, DICK PRATT,
TIM SHOWALTER. (CLOUDY, DRIZZLE BY 8:30 a.m., RAIN BY 10:00 a.m.)
3 1/2 HOURS. (27 SPECIES, 315 INDIVIDUALS).

SEPTEMBER 12:

BARR LAKE STATE PARK (BARR). LEADER: CAL WICHERN. (CLOUDY, RAIN)
2 HOURS, 3 MILES (20 SPECIES, 277 INDIVIDUALS).

BARR LAKE PERIFERY^(BLFY) - BROMLEY LANE, MILE HIGH DUCK CLUB, POND AT I-76 AT
BASELINE RD., HUDSON, BANNER LAKES, IRELAND RES., FARM PONDS AT WBLD CO.
RDS. 6 & 61, PROSPECT RES., HORSETOOTH RES., 128th TO CHAMBERS RD,
VAILE RES. (CLOUDY IN a.m., LIGHT RAIN IN p.m., 48°-60°F, WIND CALM).
8 1/2 HOURS, 60 MILES BY CAR, 2 MILES BY FOOT. (75 SPECIES, 2944 INDIVIDUALS)
LEADER: JUDY WARD. OBSERVER: DOUG WARD.

CHERRY CREEK RES. (CCRA). LEADER: FLOYD PENDELL. OBSERVERS: RUTH
BRECKON, HERMAN KRETSCHMER, DON & JO SHRODE.
(MOSTLY CLOUDY, COOL, LIGHT RAIN, 45°-60°F.) 8 HOURS, 11 1/2 MILES
(40 SPECIES, 612 INDIVIDUALS).

CASTLEWOOD CANYON (WOOD). LEADER: PAUL RECHEL. OBSERVER: JENNIFER CLARK.
(FOG LIFTING MID MORNING, LIGHT RAIN, 45°-55°F.) 7 HOURS. (43 SPECIES,
579 INDIVIDUALS).

EVERGREEN (EVER). LEADER: WINSTON WM. BROCKNER. OBSERVERS: ELSE
VAN ERP, TOM VAN ERP. (FOG 35° CLEARING, OVERCAST, RAIN 50°F.)
12 HOURS, 31 MILES BY CAR, 9 MILES BY FOOT (59 SPECIES, 1119 INDIVIDUALS).

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	RAPK FOOT	BEAR PLFH	CHAT PLNS	WTRN PLNS	BARR PLNS	BLPY PLNS	CCRA PLNS	WOOD PLFH	EVER MTNS	
EARED GREBE			2							2
WESTERN GREBE						15	2			17
PIED-BILLED GREBE			3			1	2			6
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN					81	177				258
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT		8	231		10	23				272
GREAT BLUE HERON		5	1		11	8	12		1	38
GREEN HERON		1	2							3
SNOWY EGRET						11				11
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON		2				3	2			7
CANADA GOOSE		6	21		30	110	103			270
MALLARD		62	15			45	24	2	47	195
GADWALL		2			12	30				44
COMMON PINTAIL						6				6
GREEN-WINGED TEAL						8	70			78
BLUE-WINGED TEAL		4					60	9		73
BLUE-WINGED TEAL SPECIES						17				17
TEAL SPECIES						35				35
AMERICAN WIGEON		31	5			3		4	1	44
NORTHERN SHOVELER		1			20	42			3	66
WOOD DUCK			7	3						10
REDHEAD						1				1
RUDDY DUCK					2	6	12			20
DUCK SPECIES						290				290
TURKEY VULTURE								8		8
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK		1								1
RED-TAILED HAWK		1							4	5
SWAINSON'S HAWK		1			1	14				16
BUTEO SPECIES		1								1
GOLDEN EAGLE									1	1
NORTHERN HARRIER			1				1	1	1	4
AMERICAN KESTREL	1	4	2	5		13		2	6	33
RING-NECKED PHEASANT						3				3
SORA						3	1		1	5
AMERICAN COOT		3	23		50	22	40			138
AMERICAN AVOCET						27	14			41
KILLDEER		10	3		13	42	6	12	1	87
MOUNTAIN PLOVER						1				1
GREATER YELLOWLEGS						9				9
LESSER YELLOWLEGS						25				25
SOLITARY SANDPIPER		1				2				3
WILLET							2			2
SPOTTED SANDPIPER		1		1		5	5		1	13
COMMON SNIFE						5				5
SANDERLING						2				2
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER						3				3
WESTERN SANDPIPER						4	20			24
LEAST SANDPIPER						6	2			8
PEEP SPECIES		3				39				42
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER					12	20				32
PECTORAL SANDPIPER						5				5
STILT SANDPIPER						32				32
CALIFORNIA GULL			2				70		1	73
RING-BILLED GULL		18	50	5	1	5			1	80
FRANKLIN'S GULL		23								23
GULL SPECIES						14				14

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	RRPK FOOT	BEAR PLFH	CHAT PLNS	WTRN PLNS	BARR PLNS	BLPY PLNS	CCRA PLNS	WOOD PLFH	EVER MTNS	
FORSTER'S TERN							4			4
BLACK TERN							5			5
ROCK DOVE	2	41				13		40		96
MOURNING DOVE	1	14	9	2	6	50	12	16		110
GREAT HORNED OWL		1	2							3
BURROWING OWL		3	3				1			7
SHORT-EARED OWL									1	1
COMMON NIGHTHAWK						1	1			2
BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD									3	3
RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD									1	1
BELTED KINGFISHER		10	1	1		1	1		2	16
COMMON FLICKER (RS)	3	22	5	6	9	5	2	4	20	76
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER						1				1
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER									1	1
WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER									1	1
HAIRY WOODPECKER									1	1
DOWNY WOODPECKER	1	2	2	2	1			2		10
EASTERN KINGBIRD						1				1
WESTERN KINGBIRD			1		1	2				4
EASTERN PHOEBE									1	1
SAY'S PHOEBE						2		1		3
EMPIDONAX SPECIES						1		1		2
WESTERN PEWEE		4	4	1		1		1	2	13
HORNED LARK			6			11		20		37
VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW			5	5			6	6		22
TREE SWALLOW				25						25
BARN SWALLOW		18	30	20	6	285	24	2	45	430
CLIFF SWALLOW		6	10				3			19
BLUE JAY		1								1
STELLER'S JAY	2							1	22	25
SCRUB JAY	3			1				12		16
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE	62	63	20	8		26	17	10	47	253
NORTHERN RAVEN		3		1				2	6	12
AMERICAN CROW		1		3				1	61	66
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE		22	6	8			4	2		42
MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE								6	33	39
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH		1						1	6	8
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH									1	1
PYGMY NUTHATCH									113	113
BROWN CREEPER									1	1
HOUSE WREN		1	2	7	2	1	1	4		18
MARSH WREN						1				1
CANYON WREN	1							5		6
GRAY CATBIRD		2					2			4
BROWN THRASHER						1				1
SAGE THRASHER						1		1		2
AMERICAN ROBIN	46	21	1	72		27		3	85	255
HERMIT THRUSH									1	1
SWAINSON'S THRUSH									1	1
WESTERN BLUEBIRD								6	31	37
MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD								40	56	96
TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE									7	7
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET									6	6
WATER PIPIT	7									7
EUROPEAN STARLING	3	152	40			410	9	10	2	626
WARBLING VIREO		1								1
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER		11								11

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	RRPK FOOT	BEAR PLFH	CHAT PLNS	WTRN PLNS	BARR PLNS	BLPY PLNS	CCRA PLNS	WOOD PLFH	EVER MTNS	
VIRGINIA'S WARBLER		4								4
YELLOW WARBLER			2	1					3	6
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (A)									109	109
TOWNSEND'S WARBLER						3				3
MCGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER		1								1
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT						20				20
WILSON'S WARBLER		8	1	8	7	5			1	30
AMERICAN REDSTART		1								1
HOUSE SPARROW						285			1	286
WESTERN MEADOWLARK	1	12	14		2	19	15	20		83
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD						11				11
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD			55			310	21	50	10	446
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD		4	50				16			70
COMMON GRACKLE		21	3			75	12			111
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD			2				3			5
WESTERN Tanager			1	1					1	3
BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK			2							2
EVENING GROSBEAK		30		2					3	35
CASSIN'S FINCH									1	1
HOUSE FINCH		45				70			11	126
PINE SISKIN				1				200	226	427
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH		1	2			2			2	7
LESSER GOLDFINCH		1		3				4	62	70
GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE	2	1	2					2	7	14
RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE	17	2	3	1				12		35
SAVANNAH SPARROW						3		2		5
VESPER SPARROW		2	1			10		40		53
LARK SPARROW						4		2		6
GRAY-HEADED JUNCO								2	21	23
CHIPPING SPARROW		8	1			70		10	18	107
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW						7				7
SPIZELLA SPECIES						65				65
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW									4	4
LINCOLN'S SPARROW						1			2	3
SONG SPARROW		4	4	2		11	5		11	37
1982 TOTAL SPECIES	15	59	47	27	20	75	40	43	59	141
1982 TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	152	734	658	315	277	2944	612	579	1119	7390
1981 TOTAL SPECIES	38	56	90	included in Chattfield	82	62	37	45	70	149
1981 TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	284	737	1490		3639	3986	616	501	1062	12,315
1980 TOTAL SPECIES	26	46	96	"	95	69	43	41	37	154
1980 TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	318	432	1159		9269	1187	611	517	255	14,448

★★ NOTE: A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL LEADERS AND OBSERVERS WHO ENDURED THE INCLEMENT WEATHER TO CARRY OUT OUR ANNUAL FALL COUNT. YOUR EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED.

SEPTEMBER 1982 ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

Green Heron 9-25 (2) Chatfield State Park (FJJ).
White-faced Ibis 9-6 (45) Chatfield State Park (KL).
Hooded Merganser 9-26 (1) Chatfield State Park (FJJ).
Broad-winged Hawk 9-28 (1 ad) Chatfield State Park (RR).
Swainson's Hawk 9-4 (180) 30 mi. south of Limon on Colo. Hwy. 71 in one 30-acre field (BJ).
Ferruginous Hawk 9-19 (1 dark phase) South Park near Wilkerson Pass (RB).
Osprey 9-18 (1) Chatfield S.P.; 9-26 (2) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ).
Sandhill Crane 9-21 (15 overhead) Baseline Rd. at 95th, Boulder Co. (DJW).
Semi-palmated Plover 9-19 (1) Antero Res. (RB).
Black-bellied Plover 9-19 (3) Antero Res. (RB).
Northern Phalarope 9-19 (125) Antero Res. (RB).
Common Tern 9-12 (4) Cherry Creek Rec. Area (RR); 9-19 (4) Antero Res. (RB); 9-19 (4) Baseline Res., Boulder Co. (DJW).
Black Tern 9-19 (12) Antero Res. (RB).
Barn Owl 9-28 (1) Deer Creek Picnic Area at Chatfield (PE).
Common Screech Owl 9-5 (1 heard only) foot of Nature Trail, Cherry Creek R.A. (JR).
Saw-whet Owl 9-5 (1 heard only) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (JR).
Philadelphia Vireo 9-19 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ) (Subject to approval of Records Committee. Ed.)
Rufous Hummingbird 9-24 (2) Franktown (MS).
Blue-throated Hummingbird 9-19 (1 fe) Coal Creek Canyon, Boulder Co. "...seen off and on since mid August." (GE, m.ob.) (We appreciate Gary Emerson's hospitality in allowing us the use of his home for observation. Ed.)
Lewis' Woodpecker 9-26 (2) Lakewood (DM).
Cassin's Kingbird 9-5 (1) Winkler Ranch, Douglas Co. (JR).
Eastern Phoebe 9-4 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ).
Western Bluebird 9-5 (14) Winkler Ranch, Douglas Co. (JR).
Black-throated Blue Warbler 9-26 (1 ma) Lakewood (DM).
Blackpoll Warbler 9-19 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Cir., Aurora (MS).
Northern Waterthrush 9-6 (1) Chatfield S.P. (KL).
American Redstart 9-6 (1) Chatfield S.P. (KL).
Summer Tanager 9-25 (1 ma) Lakewood (BP, JJC).
Lesser Goldfinch 9-24 (1 banded) Franktown (MS).
Vesper Sparrow 9-26 (250) observed in groups of 5-25 while driving through El Paso County (RB).
Tree Sparrow 9-18 (2) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ).
Chestnut-collared Longspur 9-26 (100) Peyton Hwy. near Hwy 94, El Paso Co. (RB).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in check-list order and include the date/s of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

NOTE OF THANKS: We wish to express our appreciation to BOB and NANCY GUSTAFSON and to BOB RIGHTER for their generous contributions toward the purchase of the "Rare Bird Alert System." If you wish to contribute, please contact the Treasurer, Robert Righter.

ANOTHER NOTE OF THANKS: DAVID MARTIN has kindly volunteered his expertise in putting our membership list through a word processor so that our list will more readily be kept up-to-date. This is a very time-consuming project and we greatly appreciate his efforts.

REMINDER: Among other important issues in this November's election is an initiative (Amendment No. 5) dealing with a can and bottle deposit which supporters feel will help curtail litter. Learn what you can about this amendment and don't forget to vote.

"LIFER'S WANTED LIST": If you are a beginner birdwatcher and would like to know when a particular bird new to your "Life List" is around the Denver area, please send your "wanted list" together with your home address and telephone number to Mildred Snyder at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80011. Please notify Mildred as your list is filled so that she can make the appropriate changes.

NOTICE: Picture of Sadie Morrison on a field trip is needed by Louise Hering (442-7059) for a bird club history. Anyone with a slide or snapshot of Safie please contact her.

DON'T FORGET TO CARPOOL: Mileage expense on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored field trips should be shared. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING

November 23, 1982

Golden Eagle Nesting -- James Tate

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1982

- NOV. 6, Saturday. LAKES NORTHWEST DENVER. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947).
Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Sloans Lake, 25th and Sheridan. *
- 6, Saturday. PLATTE RIVER GREENWAY STUDY. Leader: Drew Grainger (355-8581).
Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Habitat Park on the Platte River south of Alameda.
Morning only.
- 7, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530).
Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the West Gate. *
- 13, Saturday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK, CASTLEWOOD. Leader: Paul Rechel (688-6255).
Carpool at 7:30 a.m. at Dry Creek Shopping Center, Hampden and So. Logan.
Meet leader at 8:00 a.m. at Sedalia, U.S. 85, northwest corner. *
- 14, Sunday. FAIRMONT CEMETERY & WINDSOR LAKE. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809).
Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Mortuary on Quebec, south of Alameda. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 20, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Bob Righter (337-6434).
Meet at 7:30 a.m., north lot, Denver Museum of Natural History. *
- 21, Sunday. RED ROCKS, MORRISON PARKS. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681).
Meet leader at 8:00 a.m. at the Trading Post in Red Rocks Park. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
Lunch optional.
- 27, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547).
Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May-D&F.*
- 28, Sunday. GENESEE PARK-EVERGREEN AREA. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851).
Carpool at 7:15 a.m. at Wheatridge Library, 32nd and Chase (3 blocks west
of Sheridan). Meet leader at 8:00 a.m. at entrance to Genesee Park (Exit 254,
then over bridge). *

* Bring lunch.

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer (279-4682)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

Field Trip Chairmen



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Judy Ward, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 23, 1982
Golden Eagle Nesting -- James Tate

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OCTOBER 1982 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- OCT. 2, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Ruth Breckon, John Brogar, Lori Chappell, Alan Hay, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Don Johnson, April Kline, Trudy Kline, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Freda Krolik, Floyd Pendell, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind variable, 0-10 mph; 38° to 70° F.). 10 hrs., 36 miles. (62 species, 1388 individuals).
- 3, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Fred Hager. Observers: Jo Ann Bushnell, Karen Bushnell, Ruby Ebright, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Dick Pratt, Don and Jo Shrode. (Clear; breezy in the morning; 60° to 80° F.) 6 hrs.; 4 mi. on foot, 4 mi. by car. (40 species, 656 individuals).
- 9, Saturday. Golden, Golden Gate Canyon and White Ranch (GCWR). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Freda Krolik, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly cloudy; wind 15-30 mph; 40° F.). 40 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot; 6 hrs. (24 species, 171 individuals).
- 10, Sunday. Roxborough Park (ROX). Guide: Kris Joy (Park Naturalist). Coordinator: Ann Bonnell. Observers: Carol Jones (Chatfield Ranger), Janet Malloy (Park naturalist volunteer); Mary Jane Black, Ruth Breckon, Norm and Illa Clark, Bertha Durfee, Ruby Ebright, Alan and Dee Hay, Beth

- OCT. 10, Joy, Dick Pautsch, Chris Schmidt. (Overcast to sunny; wind 5-10 mph; 40° to 70° F.) 4 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot; 5 hrs. (25 species, 101 individuals).
- 16, Saturday. Wheatridge Greenbelt (WRG). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Nancy Boyd, Ruth Breckon, Bertha Durfee, Don and Lee Johnson, Herman and Jeannie Kretschmer, John Leonard, David Martin, Mort Staatz, Doug and Judy Ward, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind calm to light; 32° to 73° F) 6 hrs.; 3 mi. on foot. (47 species, 1186 individuals).
- 16, Denver, Colorado to Bennett, Colo. Hwy. 79, Weld Co. Rds. 73 & 4, Morgan Co. Rds. B, 3, U; Bijou Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, Fort Morgan, U.S. Hwy 6 to Merino & Sterling; Sterling Cemetery, U.S. Hwy 138 to Crook, Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Jumbo Res. and Prewitt Reservoir (NECO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind variable, 0-5 mph; 45° to 72° F.). 371 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 12 hrs. (76 species, 17,129 individuals).
- 17, Sunday. Bear Creek Park (BCP). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Bill Brockner, Peg Duffy, Virginia Edens, Irene Grenier, Bob Jickling, Don Johnson, Ken LaBorde, John Leonard, Dick Schottler, Jo Shrode, Thomas Weir (Bellevue, WA), Cal Wichern. (Clear, calm, 39° to 70° F.). 27 mi. by car, 5 mi. on foot; 8 hrs. (36 species, 407 individuals).
- 23, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Walter Bull. Observers: JoAnn Bushnell, Glenna Corey, Virginia Edens, Bob Jickling, Wade Leitner, Bernice Merry, Jo Shrode, Mort Staatz, Cal Wichern. (Clear, sunny; winds 0-10 mph; 42° to 70° F.). 56 mi. by car, 3.5 mi. on foot; 5 hrs. (32 species, 3151 individuals).
- 24, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison Park (RRMP). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Nancy Rosak, Marguerite Brockmeyer, JoAnn Bushnell, Karen Bushnell, Jim Fanning (Indiana); Alicia, Karl and Richard Kamm, John Leonard. (Partly cloudy; no wind; 50° to 70° F.). 1½ mi. on foot; 5 hrs. (22 species, 167 individuals).
- 30-31, Saturday and Sunday. Pueblo Area (10 mi. radius) (PUEB). Leaders: Dave and Carolyn Griffiths. Observers: David Johnson, Don and Nena Jones, Hazel Kellogg, Tim Showalter, Ruth Wheeler, Cal Wichern. (Partly cloudy; light wind; 36° to 65° F.). (72 species, 2189 individuals).

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Common Loon										10
Horned Grebe		6					2			
Eared Grebe	60	6				78				
Western Grebe	175	1				300				31
Pied-billed Grebe	1	6			15	1	1	4		5
American White Pelican						112				
Double-crested Cormorant		25				2800				9
Great Blue Heron	4					10				4
Black-crowned Night Heron	limm									
Canada Goose	30	3			76	1100		70		1
Mallard	35	10	15		50	350	6	1130		12
Gadwall	15	8			57	175				29
Common Pintail						30		90		1
Green-winged Teal	10				3	25	1	60		2
Blue-winged Teal species	6									
American Wigeon	8	10			62		2			13
Northern Shoveler	3	3			3	135		7		6

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Redhead					40	150		1		2
Ring-necked Duck	5fe				270					2
Canvasback					2	30				
Lesser Scaup					8					2
Bufflehead					lma	16fe				
<u>Black Scoter</u>						lfe				
Ruddy Duck	5	10				530		6		2
Common Merganser	2fe									
Red-breasted Merganser										8
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1imm	1	1	2	1					1
Cooper's Hawk									1	1
Accipiter species										6
Red-tailed Hawk		2	1							
"Western" race	2a,1i		1			11a,4i	2			
"Harlan's" race							1			
<u>"Kriders" race</u>						1	1			
Rough-legged Hawk						7		4		4
Ferruginous Hawk				1		lad	1		1	
Golden Eagle				1fe		1m,1fe	1	7		5
Northern Harrier	1fe	2								
Osprey		1								
Hawk species				1						
Prairie Falcon	2					4				1
Merlin										19
American Kestrel	2	2	1	1	1	6	6	1		
Falcon species				1						
Common Bobwhite						1(h)				13
Scaled Quail										1
Ring-necked Pheasant	20					15m,5fe		1		
<u>Chukar</u>	1									
Sandhill Crane						125				
Virginia Pail	1(h)									
American Coot	50	150			15	250		201		16
Semipalmated Plover	1									
Killdeer	15				2	12				1
Lesser Yellowlegs	14									
Spotted Sandpiper	1									
Common Snipe					1					
Long-billed Dowitcher						7				
Sanderling	1									
Least Sandpiper	20					5				
Baird's Sandpiper	1					30				
Pectoral Sandpiper	4					2				
Herring Gull						1imm				
<u>Thayer's Gull</u>						1imm				
California Gull	125	1			1	500				1
Ring-billed Gull	75	5			27	3500	60	200		52
Franklin's Gull	70	165				4000		900		
<u>Sabine's Gull</u>	1					1				
Forster's Tern	5									
Rock Dove				2	17	85	30		32	29
Mourning Dove	2	3				8				8
Great Horned Owl	2						3			2
Swift species				2						
Belted Kingfisher	1	2			3		5	1		3

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Common Flicker	20			4	24			7		
"Red-shafted" race		17	1			11	22		7	13
Hairy Woodpecker			1							
"Rocky Mountain" race			1							
eastern races					1					
Downy Woodpecker		1	1		3		1	2	2	1
eastern races	1ma					1m,1fe				
Horned Lark	30					150		16		56
Barn Swallow	4	15								
Blue Jay	6	2			5	4	2			11
Steller's Jay	1		9	2						
Scrub Jay			1	8					5	4
Black-billed Magpie	55	17	4	2	30	20	30	26	18	61
Northern Raven			4	3					1	2
Am. Crow/White-necked Raven										5
American Crow				30	1	9				
Black-capped Chickadee	15	10	2	1	10	8	15	2	7	8
Mountain Chickadee			2	2	2		3		1	15
Plain Titmouse										3
Bushtit										17
White-breasted Nuthatch		1			2					3
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1			1	1			
Pygmy Nuthatch						1				
Brown Creeper					7		3			4
North American Dipper							2			
House Wren						1				
Marsh Wren						1				
Canyon Wren									5	
Curve-billed Thrasher										1
Sage Thrasher										1
American Robin	8	7	45	20	3	40	15		14	300
Hermit Thrush								1		
Mountain Bluebird				2						65
Townsend's Solitaire			6	2		1	1		8	10
Golden-crowned Kinglet						2				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			4	1	3	1			1	1
Water Pipit						81				8
Loggerhead Shrike							1			
European Starling	100	20	3		37	500	90	4	2	500
Orange-crowned Warbler	7		1		1	1				
Yellow-rumped Warbler				1			7	1		1
"Myrtle" race	2					10	1			
"Audubon's" race	6		1		4	40	6		2	
Black-throated Green Warbler						1ma				
Common Yellowthroat	4					1fe				
Wilson's Warbler										
House Sparrow			4		23	175	5	2		200
Western Meadowlark	30	30				325	15	29		56
Yellow-headed Blackbird								25		1
Red-winged Blackbird	275	51			10	1000	25	310		20
Brewer's Blackbird						100				1
Common Grackle		25			1					3

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Evening Grosbeak					15		3			
House Finch	8	7	28		23	4	15	1	22	74
Pine Siskin	1	3		6	6			14		4
American Goldfinch	15	13			2	7				1
Rufous-sided Towhee				1		1ma			8	2
Brown Towhee										7
Savannah Sparrow	3									
Northern Junco			25		5		5		16	21
"Slate-colored" race			1			2				34
"Oregon" race						2			1	
Gray-headed Junco			8						13	
American Tree Sparrow					3	2	4			
Chipping Sparrow		5		3		4				
Clay-colored Sparrow	2									1
Harris' Sparrow						3				
White-crowned Sparrow	10	5		2	9	175	10	26	1	310
Song Sparrow	2	5			21	10	3	4		5
TOTAL SPECIES - 125	62	40	2	25	47	76	36	32	22	72

ABBREVIATIONS: Pln,plns=plains; fth,fthl=foothills
mt=mountains; a,ad=adult; i,imm=immature; m,ma=
male; f,fe=female; (h)=heard only.

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1982 REPORTS:

Common Loon 10-24 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir; 10-30 (15) Prewitt Reservoir,
Washington Co.; 10-31 (4) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

Arctic Loon 10-24 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir; 10-30 (1) Prewitt Reservoir; 10-31 (2)
Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

Cattle Egret 10-16 (25) CF&I Lakes, Pueblo (RB, DG); 10-31 (1) Baseline Reservoir,
Boulder Co. (DW).

Snow Goose 10-24 (1 ad., "white" form) Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co.; 10-30 (2 ad.,
"white" form) overhead at Colo. Hwy 39 & Morgan Co. Rd. U.; 10-30 (80 "white" form)
North Sterling Reservoir, Logan Co.; 10-30 (45 "white" form) Prewitt Reservoir,
Washington Co. (JR); 10-30 (21) Jumbo Res., Sedgwick Co. (RNG).

Oldsquaw 10-24 (1 ma., winter plumage) Antero Reservoir (RB, BM).

Surf Scoter 10-16 (2 imm.) Minnequa Lake, Pueblo (RB, DG, EW).

Red-breasted Merganser 10-31 (1 imm. ma., 6 fe.) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).

Cooper's Hawk 10-23 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (HK).

Red-tailed Hawk 10-23 (1 "Kriders" form) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo (CH, FH, KH).

Ferruginous Hawk 10-16 (1) 120th Ave at Indiana, Jefferson Co. (DJW).

Bald Eagle 10-9 (1 ad.) flying over Garden of the Gods (JA, RB).

Merlin 10-30 (1 "Richardson's" race) North Sterling Reservoir, Logan Co. (JR);
10-30 (1) Chatfield State Park (HK).

Scaled Quail 10-23 (8) Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo, CO (CH, FH, KH).

Whooping Crane 10-24 (8) five miles northeast to southeast of Monte Vista (AH).

Sandhill Crane 10-24 (3,000+-) five miles northeast to southeast of Monte Vista (AH);
10-30 (800-1000) Red Lion, Logan Co (RNG); 10-30 (75) North Sterling Reservoir,
Logan Co.; 10-30 (4000) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (JR).

American Avocet 10-24 (18) Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR); 10-25 (18) pond below
Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co. (CH, KH).

Black-bellied Plover 10-2 (3 winter plumage) Lake Cheraw, Otero Co. (RB, EW); 10-16
(5) CF&I Lakes (RB, DG, EW).

Lesser Yellowlegs 10-24 (250) Monte Vista Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Rio Grand Co.
(CH, FH, KH).

Long-billed Dowitcher 10-24 (7) Prospect Res., Weld Co. (JR); 10-30 (5) Chatfield
State Park (HK).

Baird's Sandpiper 10-30 (2) Prewitt Res., Washington Co. (JR).
 Stilt Sandpiper 10-30 (1) Chatfield State Park (HK).
 Franklin's Gull 10-9 (2000) Barr Lake-Mile High Duck Club (HK).
 Bonaparte's Gull 10-30 (20) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co; 10-31 (2) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
 Sabine's Gull 10-2 (1 ad.) Lake Sheridan (RB, EW); 10-10 (1 imm.) Henry's Lake, Littleton (KL); 10-16 (1 im) Gaynor Lake, Oxford at Hwy 42, Boulder Co. (DJW).
 Forster's Tern 10-24 (1) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
 Barn Owl 10-17 (1) Antero Res. (CA, RB).
 Burrowing Owl 10-17 (1) Antero Res. (CA, RB).
 Chimney Swift 10-1 (8) to 10-6 (3) 869 Milwaukee, Denver (HK).
 White-throated Swift 10-9 (50) Garden of the Gods (JA, RB).
 Hairy Woodpecker 10-5 (1) banded at 161 Del Mar Circle (MS).
 Plain Titmouse 10-23 (1) Lathrop State Park, Huerfano Co. (CH).
 Bushtit 10-23 (35) Lathrop State Park, Huerfano Co. (CH, FH, KH).
 White-breasted Nuthatch 10-7 (1) banded at 161 Del Mar Cir. (MS); 10-9 (1) Barr Lake, 10-23 (2) Wheatridge Greenbelt, 10-31 (5) Waterton (HK).
 Bewick's Wren 10-16 (3) Pueblo Nature Center (RB, EW).
 Swainson's Thrush 10-13 (1) 2695 Newland (PE).
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 10-13 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DM).
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 10-24 (1) banded at 161 Del Mar Ci. (MS); 10-24 (5) Castlewood Canyon S.P., Douglas Co. (JR).
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 10-13 (1) and 10-24 (1) 869 Milwaukee (HK); 10-30 (1) Sterling Cemetery (JR).
 Water Pipit 10-30 (40) North Sterling Res., Logan Co. (JR).
 Cedar Waxwing 10-10 (5) Baseline Rd. at 95th, Boulder Co. (JW); 10-22 (4) Wheatridge Greenbelt (PE); 10-23 (10) Colorado Veterans Center, Rio Grande Co. (CH, KH).
 Northern Shrike 10-23 (1 imm.) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo Co. (KH).
 Golden-winged Warbler 10-15 (1 ma.) 540 Asbury, Colorado Springs (RB, EW).
 Black-throated Blue Warbler 10-3 (2 fe.) Wheatridge Greenbelt (WF, DLJ); 10-4 (2 fe.) Wheatridge Greenbelt (probably same birds) (JW).
 Townsend's Warbler 10-13 (1), 10-15 (2) 2695 Newland (PE).
 MacGillivray's Warbler 10-9 (1) banded at 161 Del Mar Cir. (MS).
 Canada Warbler 10-2 (1 ad.) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN). (detailed description--ed.)
 Rusty Blackbird 10-11 (6) Latham Res., Weld Co. (RNG).
 Great-tailed Grackle 10-24 (25) Colorado Veterans Center, Rio Grande Co. (CH, FH, KH).
 Western Tanager 10-5 (1) banded at 161 Del Mar Cir. (MS); 10-22 (1 ma.) 2695 Newland (PE).
 Pine Grosbeak 10-23 (3 fe.) Vail (SW).
 Harris' Sparrow 10-16 (1) Pueblo Nature Center (RB, EC); 10-11 (1 imm.) Hardin, Weld Co. (RNG).
 Sharp-tailed Sparrow ("Nelson's" race) 10-31 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (PP, JR).
 White-throated Sparrow 10-10 (2) Hanna Ranch, Colo. Sprgs. (RB, BM); 10-15 (1 ad.) near Baseline Res., Boulder Co. (BJ); 10-16 (1) Red Rocks Park (HK).
 Lapland Longspur 10-17 (1) Antero Reservoir (CA, RB).

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* Written details on this very unusual Colorado sighting should be submitted to the Records Committee.

NEW EDITION OF CHECK-LIST OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS TO BE PUBLISHED

There have been five editions of the Check-list of North American Birds published respectively in 1886, 1895, 1910, 1931 and 1957. The Sixth Edition of the A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds will appear sometime in 1983. In addition to listing all species of birds recorded with appropriate documentation from Canada and the United States (including Hawaii), the Sixth Edition will cover species from Bermuda, The West Indies and Middle America (Mexico through Panama) including adjacent islands. Commencing with the January 1983 issue of the LARK BUNTING, we will begin following the Sixth Edition format when reporting the monthly summaries of field trips and additional reports.

The Sixth Edition will reflect considerable changes in the sequence, taxonomy and use of English names from those used in the Fifth Edition. Most noticeable will be the sequential listing of species and the creation of new families from what we have become accustomed to with the appearance of the Fifth Edition in 1957. English name changes were not widespread, but several were rather interesting as shown in the following partial list:

5th EDITION

6th EDITION

Louisiana Heron
Green Heron
White-tailed Kite
Common Gallinule
Northern Phalarope
Arizona Woodpecker
Coues' Flycatcher
Wied's Crested Flycatcher
White-necked Raven
Black-headed Oriole

Tricolored Heron
Green-backed Heron
Black-shouldered Kite
Common Moorhen
Red-necked Phalarope
Strickland's Woodpecker
Greater Pewee
Brown-crested Flycatcher
Chihuahuan Raven (incredible!)
Audubon's Oriole (back to 1931)

The A.O.U. Committee on Classification and Nomenclature decided on further "lumping" of some species before the Sixth Edition went to press. In addition to the ones we are already aware of (Blue Goose with Snow Goose, Myrtle Warbler and Audubon's Warbler, Baltimore Oriole and Bullock's Oriole, etc.) a list of some of the latest species to be lumped is as follows:

Bewick's Swan and Whistling Swan lumped together to become the Tundra Swan.

Mexican Duck lumped with Mallard.

Brown-throated Wren lumped with House Wren.

Yellow-green Vireo lumped with Red-eyed Vireo.

Gray-headed Junco with Dark-eyed Junco which leaves us with only two Junco species--
Dark-eyed and Yellow-eyed.

Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, Black Rosy Finch and Brown-capped Rosy Finch have all been lumped together to become simply Rosy Finch.

Lumping of species causes great stress amongst the "Listers" of the world. However, they can take heart in that the A.O.U. Committee on Classification and Nomenclature saw fit to "split" some species thus creating full status to a new species. Some of the latest changes in status include:

Yellow-footed Gull split from Western Gull

The Screech Owl has been split into two full species (with sub-species): Eastern Screech-Owl (note the hyphen) and Western Screech-Owl.

Antillean Nighthawk split from Common Nighthawk.

Red-breasted Sapsucker split from Yellow-breasted Sapsucker.

Couch's Kingbird split from Tropical Kingbird.

If splitting doesn't satisfy your need to add new species to your Life List, then take a trip to Florida where all sorts of "junk" is flying around. The A.O.U. Committee has elected to add the following:

Budgerigar
Rose-ringed Parakeet
Monk Parakeet
Canary-winged Parakeet
Red-crowned Parrot (Texas ?)

Keep your eyes peeled! Who knows, your neighbor's Canary may get away and into your yard where you can count it.

The Denver Field Ornithologists will have a new "FIELD CHECK LIST OF THE BIRDS OF EASTERN COLORADO" ready late in December 1982. This Check-list will be a pocket-sized card and will list all of the most commonly to occasionally encountered species east of the Continental Divide. The format will be up-to-date with the new Sixth Edition of the A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds. DFO members can purchase these Field Check Lists at monthly meetings after January 1, 1983.

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NOTICES AND REMINDERS

NOTE OF THANKS: We wish to express our appreciation to Jack Reddall for providing us with the above information and for drafting the new check-list for D.F.O. members.

NOTICE: Be sure to buy your copies of the "Birder's Guide to Eastern Colorado" offered for sale at Denver Field Ornithologists' meetings. Forty percent of all sales made to D.F.O. members will be turned over to our treasury.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED: If you would be interested in leading a field trip for D.F.O. please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

DON'T FORGET TO CARPOOL: Mileage expense on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored field trips should be shared. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE LARK BUNTING: Please contact the Treasurer: Robert Righter, 2685 S. Dayton Way #207, Denver, Colorado 80231 (337-6434).

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 18, 1982

Denver Christmas Count Compilation Meeting
Wyatt's Cafeteria--Bear Valley Shopping Center

5:00 P.M.

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1982

COUNT LEADER: Paul Rechel (688-6255)

COMPILATION MEETING: 5:00 P.M. at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Bear Valley Shopping Center

COUNT COMPILERS: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809) and Jack Reddall (771-5308).

Call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to count in his or her area or call the Count Leader if you would like to help count in an area which needs more counters. Area Leaders please contact the Count Leader before the Count to indicate how many you have in your group.

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT PLEASE NOTE: To be a participant in the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, one must pay a fee of \$1.50. All observers taking part in the Count must be accounted for and their fees paid as directed by the National Audubon Society. This is used to help defray the cost of publishing the 500 page American Birds Christmas Count Edition in July. TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS, ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE ADVISED IN ADVANCE OF THE FEE AND GIVEN THE OPTION OF PAYING OR NOT TAKING PART.

Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the names of the Area Leaders and their telephone numbers.

<u>AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION</u>	<u>LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER</u>
1. Red Rocks Park	Bill Brockner 674-4851
2. Lower Bear Creek	Bob Spencer 279-4682
2a. Bear Creek Reservoir	Kathy Hawkins 757-0809
3. BowMar	Joe Roller 232-2304
4a. Lower South Platte	Ruth Wheeler 455-3924
4b. Lower South Platte	Bob Rozinski 623-7430
5. Highline Ditch	Dieter Kamm 697-9681
6. Plum Creek	Fred Hager 238-5582
7a. Middle South Platte	Dave Hutchinson 936-3466 (work)
7b. Middle South Platte	Hugh Kingery 333-0161
8. Chatfield Reservoir	Frank and Jan Justice 936-4547
9. Upper South Platte	Jerome Besser 985-4816
10. Lower Deer Creek Canyon	Lynn Willcockson 757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek	Tim Schowalter 279-4478
12. Yegge Peak	Drew Grainger 355-8581
13. Doublehead Mountain	Bob Righter 573-7730
14. North Turkey Creek	Warren Finch 233-3372
15a. Indian Hills	Duane Nelson 420-9770
15b. Indian Hills	Dick Schottler 985-0579
16. Upper Bear Creek	Dick Pratt 795-8497
17. Ken-Caryl Ranch	Kate Kittleman 530-7010
18. Garrison Gate	Paul Rechel 688-6255
19. Morrison-Willow Brook Estates	Carol Hack 777-7893
20. Willow Creek	Philip Hayes 232-7421
21. Mount Lindo to Willow Springs	Walter Bull 751-1032

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 1982:

DEC. 4, Saturday. NORTHWEST DENVER AREA LAKES. Leader: Roland Olderoggs (429-1024). Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Sloan's Lake, 25th and Sheridan. *

4, Saturday. SOUTH PLATTE RIVER GREENWAY STUDY. Leader: Drew Grainger (355-8581). Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Habitat Park on the Platte River south of Alameda. Morning only.

DEC. 5, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308).
Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the West Gate. *

11 & 12, Saturday and Sunday. PRE-CHRISTMAS COUNT SCOUNTING TRIPS. Call Area
Leaders for the Denver Christmas Count for dates, meeting times and places.

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AREA CHRISTMAS COUNTS

DEC. 19, Sunday. BOULDER. Call Barry Knapp (494-8390) for details.

19, Sunday. EVERGREEN. Call Bill Brockner (674-4851) for details.

19, Sunday. BLACK FOREST. Call Hugh Kingery (333-0161) for details.

26, Sunday. BARR LAKE. Call Barry Knapp (494-8390) for details.

26, Sunday. (Tentative). CROOK. Call Steve Larsen (443-4486) for details.

31, Friday. PIKES PEAK. Call Hugh Kingery (333-0161) for details.

JAN. 1, Saturday. INDIAN PEAKS. Call Mike Figgs (447-1899) for details.

1, Saturday. BONNY RESERVOIR. Call Paul Julian (499-9107) for details.

2, Sunday. DOUGLAS COUNTY. Call Susie Kraner Trumble (985-3272) for details.
This is a new count which will cover, clockwise from the north,
Louviere, Cherokee Ranch, Castle Rock, Perry Park, Rampart Range
including Indian Creek Campground and Roxborough Park, as well
as Sedalia and Plum Creek.

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Judy Ward, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M., AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: December 18, 1982

Denver Christmas Count Compilation Meeting
Wyatt's Cafeteria--Bear Valley Shopping Center
5:00 P.M.

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NOVEMBER 1982 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- NOV. 6, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes and Wheatridge Greenbelt (NWD). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: JoAnn Bushnell, Kathy Hawkins, Alan and Dee Hay, Ethel and Jack Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Diana Mullineaux, Roland Olderogg, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer and Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind calm; 40° to 60° F.). 7 hrs.; 20 mi. by car, 1½ mi. on foot. (39 species, 1609 individuals).
- 7, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Alan Hay, Tina Jones, Herman Kretschmer, John Leonard, Dick Schottler, Don and Jo Shrode, Tom Strong, Cal Wichern and Flavia Zorogniotti. (Mostly cloudy a.m., partly cloudy p.m.; 38° to 46° F.). 6 hrs. (32 species, 660 individuals).
- 13, Saturday. Sedalia, Plum Creek, Castlewood (CW). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: Warren Finch, Alan Hay, Herman Kretschmer, Freda Krolik, John Leonard, Dick Pratt, Mort Staatz, Ruth Wheeler, Cal Wichern. (Clear; light breeze; 28° to 45° F.). 75 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot (32 species, 478 ind.).

- NOV. 14, Sunday. Windsor Lake, Fairmont Cemetery (FAIR). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Brent and Virginia Edens, Joe Leigh, Duane Nelson, Mary Robinson. (Clear; wind 0-20 mph, S.E.; 16° to 35° F.). 4½ hrs.; 1 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (40 species, 998 individuals).
- 20, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Bob Righter. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Irma Appelgren, Nancy Boyd, Ruth Breckon, Glenna Corey, Don and Lee Johnson, Freda Krolik, Mort Staatz, Don and Jo Shrode, Cal Wichern. (Sunny, 50° F.). 8 hrs.; 50 mi. (35 species, 1067 individuals).
- 21, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison (RRP). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Kathy Been, Alan Hay; Alicia, Karl and Richard Kamm; Jean and Herman Kretschmer. (Sunny, wind calm, 30° to 50° F.). 4 hrs.; 1½ mi. on foot. (23 species, 154 individuals).
- 21, Sunday. Denver to Prospect Reservoir (via Bromly Lane), Weld Co. Rds. 8, 73, 4; Morgan Co. Rds. B,3,U; Bijou Reservoir, Bijou Creek, Muir Springs Park; I-76 to Prewitt Reservoir, U.S. Hwy 6 to Sterling; North Sterling Reservoir; return to Denver via I-76 (NECO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind variable, 0-10 mph; 17° to 45° F.). 11 hrs.; 332 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (63 species, 57783 individuals).
- 27, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Joanne Abbot, Ann Bonnell, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Lori Chappell, Glenna Corey, Hope Curfman, Ruby Ebright, Marge Ewers, Kathy Hawkins, Alan and Dee Hay, Ethel and Jack Humphries, Don and Lee Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Ken LaBorde, Ken Lane, John Leonard, Thompson Marsh, Betty and Harold Oliver, Dorothy and Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler, Don and Jo Shrode, Anne Southcott, Ruth Wheeler, John Wardwell (Mich.), Patrick Wardwell, Victor Zerbi, Martha Zoeteway. (Cloudy, light wind, 19° to 41° F.). 6 hrs.; 10 mi. by car, 1½ mi. on foot. (51 species, 1089 individuals).
- 28, Sunday. Genesee Park, Kerr Gulch, O'Fallon Park (GEN). Leader: Winston William Brockner. Observers: Irene Grenier, Alan Hay, Don and Lee Johnson, Herman Kretschmer, Jean Kretschmer, Duane Nelson, Dick Pratt, Vic Zerbi. (Clear, windy, 21° to 42° F.). (16 species, 59 individuals).

NOVEMBER AREA HABITAT	NWD Plns	CCRA Plns	CW Fthl	FAIR Plns	BARR Plns	RRP Fth	NECO Plns	CHAT Plns	GEN Mts
Common Loon		2							
<u>Arctic Loon</u>							2		
Horned Grebe	2								
Eared Grebe	3	150		3			15		
Western Grebe		6					6	6	
Pied-billed Grebe	10	1			1			15	
<u>American White Pelican</u>							1		
Double-crested Cormorant								2	
Great Blue Heron		2						9	
Canada Goose	700	50	150	485	80		6000	450	
Snow Goose					1				
"White" form				7			lad		
Mallard	20	30	18	20	100		40000	52	
Gadwall	10	2			15		50	8	
Common Pintail	15				12		400	3	
Green-winged Teal	3	12	6		1		310	20	
American Wigeon	20			12	10		200	2	
Northern Shoveler	45	12			10		250		
Redhead	40			20				2	
Ring-necked Duck	190							12	

NOVEMBER AREA HABITAT	6 NWD Plns	7 CCRA Plns	13 CW Fthl	14 FAIR Plns	20 BARR Plns	21 RRP Fth	21 NECO Plns	27 CHAT Plns	28 GEN Mts
Canvasback				1m				3	
Lesser Scaup	4			12			10	25	
Common Goldeneye	20	38		6	3		400	30	
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	<u>1</u>								
Bufflehead	6	12		8			25	50	
Oldsquaw							<u>1fe</u>		
<u>Black Scoter</u>		<u>2fe</u>							
Ruddy Duck				1fe				1	
Hooded Merganser	3							2	
Common Merganser		8		5			1000	30	
Northern Goshawk								1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1								1
Red-tailed Hawk		1a,limm	4	2	1			2	
"Western" race							3ad		
"Harlan's" race							lad		
<u>"Kriders" race</u>							<u>lad</u>		
Rough-legged Hawk			1		1		22		
Ferruginous Hawk							5ad		
Buteo species	1								
Golden Eagle						2	3a,2imm		
Bald Eagle							1a,limm		2a,limm
Northern Harrier		2			5	2	1m,10fe	3	
Prairie Falcon							3	1	
Merlin							1		
American Kestrel		2	1	1	1	1	16	4	
Ring-necked Pheasant		2		3			2ma	4	
American Coot	35	10		3	3			50	
Killdeer		6					6		
Common Snipe							3		
Herring Gull				1			250	1	
California Gull	1	6					limm		
Ring-billed Gull	200	225		38	6		3750	6	
Bonaparte's Gull		1							
Rock Dove	150	12			10	8	40		
Mourning Dove	2								
Common Screech Owl (Eastern)							1(H)		
Great Horned Owl				1		1	1	1	
Belted Kingfisher	1		1				1	2	
Common Flicker	4								
"Red-shafted" race		6	6	15	6	7	12	4	
Hairy Woodpecker									
eastern race							1		
Downy Woodpecker	1		1	2	3			2	
eastern races							5		
Horned Lark		32			300		2500		
Blue Jay			4				10		
Steller's Jay			1			2			3
Scrub Jay			7			12		1	
Black-billed Magpie	30	6	26	53	40	22	30	25	4
Northern Raven			1			2			5
American Crow			50					3	
Black-capped Chickadee	4	6	10	3	15	8	5	14	
Mountain Chickadee			2	2	1	2			16

NOVEMBER AREA HABITAT	6 NWD Plns	7 CCRA Plns	13 CW Fthl	14 FAIR Plns	20 BARR Plns	21 RRP Fth	21 NECO Plns	27 CHAT Plns	28 GEN Mts
White-breasted Nuthatch	1		1	1	4		1	1	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch				2			1		2
Pygmy Nuthatch									42
Brown Creeper	6			10	3	1	2		2
North American Dipper								5	5
Marsh Wren							1		
Canyon Wren						2			
American Robin			30		1	1	40		
Townsend's Solitaire			9	2		14	1	4	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				8			8		
Northern Shrike		1					lad	2	
European Starling	35	1	12	4			800	10	
Yellow-rumped Warbler									
"Myrtle" race							1		
House Sparrow	10		1	12		1	250		
Western Meadowlark					50		25	3	
Red-winged Blackbird	20	20	20	11	300		1100	75	
Rusty Blackbird								8	
House Finch	5		6	37	25	3	50	22	
Cassin's Finch									1
Pine Siskin					4				
American Goldfinch	1		6	16	20		11	13	
Rufous-sided Towhee			2			1			
Northern Junco					25	26		50	
"White-winged" race						1			
"Slate-colored" race			2	12		4	1	1	
"Oregon" race			14	56		6	24		1
Gray-headed Junco			22	6	1	23		2	10
American Tree Sparrow		3	50	26	4	1	10	30	
White-crowned Sparrow	1			84			60	1	
Song Sparrow	5	2	2	5	5	1	25	7	
Lapland Longspur							12		
TOTAL SPECIES - 92	39	32	32	40	35	23	63	51	16

ABBREVIATIONS: Plns=plains; fth, fthl=foothills;
mts=mountains; a,ad=adult; i,imm=immature; m,ma=male;
f,fe=female; (H)=heard only

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1982 REPORTS:

Bald Eagle 10-27 (1 imm.) Wheatridge near Crown Hill Cemetery (Leona Rowe & Ellie Walker)
-Palm Warbler 10-3 (1) Windsor Lake (Mildred Snyder)

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1982 REPORTS:

Common Loon 11-6 (7) Chatfield (FJ); 11-7 (4) Cherry Creek Res.; 11-7 (3) Baseline Res., Boulder Co.; 11-7 (1) Union Res., Weld Co.; 11-13 (4) Cherry Creek Res. (JR); 11-21 (1) Chatfield (JB); 11-22 (4) Chatfield (JR).

Arctic Loon 11-13 (2) Cherry Creek Res. (JR); 11-6 (1) Chatfield (FJ).

Green-backed Heron 11-7 (2) Chatfield (FJ).

American Bittern 11-6 (1, injured) Chatfield (FJ).

Whistling (Tundra) Swan 11-14 to end of month (1 ad.) Walden Ponds, Boulder Co. (DJW); 11-25 (1) Chatfield (FJ).

Snow Goose 11-7 (100 "white" form) near Rocky Flats, Jefferson Co. (ABS); 11-26 (3 ad., "white" form) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co.; 11-26 (5 ad., 1 imm., "white" form) Jumbo Res., Sedgwick Co. (JR).
Blue-winged Teal 11-25 (1) Chatfield (FJ).
Wood Duck 11-7 (1 fe.) Oxford Rd. & No. 107th Street, Boulder Co. (JR); 11-25 (1) Chatfield (FJ); 11-26 (2 ma.) Bijou Creek at Colo. Hwy. 144, Morgan Co. (JR).
Canvasback 11-19 (1) Windsor Lake (MS).
Surf Scoter 11-7 (1) Chatfield (FJ).
Hooded Merganser 11-17 (1 ma.) Sloan's Lake; 11-20 (2 fe.) Cherry Creek Res. (WF); up to 12 all month, Baseline Res., Boulder Co. (DJW).
Red-breasted Merganser 11-6 (3) Chatfield (FJ); 11-7 (1 fe.) Cherry Creek Res.; 11-13 (2 fe.) Cherry Creek Res.; 11-20 (1 fe.) Cherry Creek Res.; 11-24 (3 fe.) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
Northern Goshawk 11-20, 11-22, 11-24 (1 ad.) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
Sharp-shinned Hawk 11-13 (1 ad.) Cherry Creek Res.; 11-23 (1 ad.) 4450 S. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village (JR).
Cooper's Hawk 11-7 (1 ad.) Cherry Creek Res.; 11-13 and 11-22 (1 imm.) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
Bald Eagle 11-21 (1 ad.) Bijou Res., Morgan Co.; 11-21 (1 imm.) North Sterling Res., Logan Co.; 11-26 (2 ad., 1 imm.) Prewitt Res., Washington Co.; 11-26 (2 ad.) Jumbo Res., Sedgwick Co. (JR).
Merlin 11-21 (1) Morgan Co. Rd. 12 at Colo. Hwy. 144; 11-26 (1 "Richardson's" race) Logan Co. Rd. 14 at U.S. Hwy. 6 (JR).
Common Bobwhite 11-26 (2, heard only) Prewitt Res., Washington Co. (JR).
Sandhill Crane 11-26 (1) Jumbo Res., Sedgwick Co. (JR).
Pectoral Sandpiper 11-13 (2) Cherry Creek Res. (JR); 11-21 (1) Cherry Creek Res. (TM).
Western Gull 11-28 (2 ad.) Cherry Creek Res. (TM). Since this would be a possible first record for Colo., extensive details must be submitted to the C.F.O. Records Committee for approval.
Greater Black-backed Gull 11-28 (1 imm.) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
Thayer's Gull 11-22 and 11-24 (1 imm.) Cherry Creek Res.; 11-26 (1 imm.) Jumbo Res., Sedgwick Co.; 11-27 (2 imm.) Cherry Creek Res.; 11-28 (1 ad., 6 imm.) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
Bonaparte's Gull 11-27 (1) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
Spotted Owl 11-8 (1) Amphitheater Rock, Gregory Canyon area, Boulder Co. (JB, m.ob.).
Long-eared Owl 11-27 (1, road kill) I-25 and Monument, north of Colo. Springs (DM).
Saw-whet Owl 11-7 (1 ad.) 75th Street, Boulder Co. (BJ).
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker 11-18 (1) Echo Lake (JJC).
Sedge Wren 11-7 (1) Chatfield (FJ); 11-8 (1) Chatfield (JJC). No details submitted; subject to approval of records committee.
Marsh Wren 11-21 and 11-26 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR); 11-28 (2) Cherry Creek Res. (TM, PP).
Cedar Waxwing 11-28 (5) 1041 Field St., Lakewood (JJC).
Blue-winged Warbler 11-8, 11-12 (1) Myron Stratton, Colo. Springs (RB) Details have been submitted to C.F.O. Records Committee for approval.
Yellow-rumped Warbler 11-26 (4, "Myrtle" race) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co.; 11-26 (1, "Audubon's" race) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR).
Hooded Warbler 11-16, 11-24 (1 ma.) 1041 Field St., Lakewood (JJC, other ob.). Details have been submitted to C.F.O. Records Committee for approval.
Yellow-headed Blackbird 11-21 (1 ma.) Union Res., Weld Co. (DJW).
Swamp Sparrow 11-22 (1 imm.) Chatfield State Park (JR).
Lapland Longspur 11-20 (2) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).

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NOTICES AND REMINDERS

CORRECTION: The fee for participating in the Denver Christmas Bird Count is \$2.00, rather than the \$1.50 indicated in the November, 1982, Lark Bunting. Please be prepared to pay this amount to your Trip Leader at the time of the count to help the leader carry out his or her responsibilities. The compilation is difficult enough without having to track down participation fees.

CORRECTION: The statement on the "dues payable" form attached to the November, 1982, Lark Bunting stating: "Memberships must be renewed every January 1st irrespective of date of joining the Denver Field Ornithologists" is incorrect. Members who joined in the last quarter of 1982 will be in good standing until 1984. (Sorry for the oversight. Ed.)

NOT A CORRECTION: We gratefully appreciate your renewing your membership no later than January 30th. As we are trying to keep club costs down, dues received after that date become increasingly more costly to process. Thanks for your cooperation.

NEW BIRD LIST: Attached to this issue of the Lark Bunting is a two-page list of Colorado birds indicating the new nomenclature and order forthcoming in the 1983 A.O.U. Check List of North American Birds. (Thanks to Dick Schottler for preparing the list.) We suggest you make your own extra copies of this list for use on field trips. Since the Lark Bunting will be using this format beginning with the January issue, the editor would encourage field trip leaders especially to familiarize themselves with this list and use it for their trip reports.

A similar list in card form will be available soon at monthly meetings.

RARE BIRD ALERT: Board members are still ironing out the details for purchase and installation of a "Rare Bird Alert System." Contributions toward acquisition costs are tax deductible and may be made to Denver Field Ornithologists, c/o Robert Righter, Treasurer, 2685 S. Dayton, Denver, Colorado 80231.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED: If you would be interested in leading a field trip for D.F.O., please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

DON'T FORGET TO CARPOOL: Mileage expense on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored field trips should be shared. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE LARK BUNTING: Please contact the Treasurer: Robert Righter, 2685 S. Dayton Way #207, Denver, Colorado 80231 (337-6434).

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JANUARY MEETING: January 24, 1983
Spring in Texas - Don Johnson

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NOTICE: There will be a public meeting on January 20, 1983, at 6:30 P.M., Plum Creek Elementary School, 8236 W. Carder Court, to discuss changes in use at Chatfield State Park. Among the changes are proposals to establish a glider port in the area just west of the Plum Creek Nature Study Area (to include an in-resident motorized aircraft to tow the gliders) and a dog training area near the "Kingfisher Bridge" (allowing off-leash dogs and use of shotguns firing blanks). Letters of comment may be addressed to: Colo. Parks Board, 1313 Sherman, Rm. 618, Denver 80203. For further information contact: Ann Bonnell (979-6211).

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1, Saturday. BONNY RESERVOIR CHRISTMAS COUNT. Call Paul Julian (499-1899).
2, Sunday. DOUGLAS COUNTY CHRISTMAS COUNT. Call Susie Kraner Trumble (985-3272).
8, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (422-3144). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May-D&F, Sheridan and Hampden. *
8, Saturday. PLATTE RIVER GREENWAY STUDY. Leader: Drew Grainger (355-8581). 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Meet at Habitat Park, So. Platte River south of Alameda.
9, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at West Gate. Lunch optional. 1/2 day.
15, Saturday. SOUTH PLATTE URBAN AREA. Leader: Lyle Jordan (794-1800). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at King Soopers on So. Federal near Bellevue. Lunch optional. 1/2 day.
16, Sunday. VALMONT RESERVOIR and BOULDER AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Meet at 9:00 A.M. at Postal Station, east side of Crossroads Shopping Center, Arapahoe Road and 30th. Carpool at Wheatridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth at 8:15 A.M. *
22, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. *
23, Sunday. RED ROCKS--MORRISON PARKS. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at 1:00 P.M. at Trading Post. (Hope to see rosy finches.)
29, Saturday. WHEATRIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Duane Nelson (420-9770). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Prospect Park on 44th near Robb. *
30, Sunday. BEAR CREEK GREENBELT AND LAKE PARK. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Park-n-Ride south of Hampden at Wadsworth. Lunch optional. 1/2 day.

* BRING LUNCH.

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer (279-4682)

Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

Field Trip Chairmen

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